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Gas prices driving factor in plans

BY TONY BRUSCATO
 STAFF WRITER

While filling his gas tank for \$3.49 a gallon at the Sunoco gas station on Main Street in Plymouth, Al Moll said he has a hard enough time paying to fill his truck for work, let alone thinking about going away this Memorial Day weekend or, for that matter, this summer.

"We're not going on vacation now," said Moll, who remodels homes for a living. "We can't afford to go anywhere because

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

the gas is too high. The gas prices are affecting my lifestyle in general. We'll probably just stay home and do family things."

Cynthia Hector of Plymouth said a lot more thought is now being put into daily routines to cut down on the amount of gasoline they use.

"We're giving second thoughts to as far we go," said Hector, afraid to think how

much it would cost to fill the tank on her 11-year-old Chevrolet Cavalier. "My husband is starting to ride his bike to work, and I plan my route when I go to the store and I do all my shopping at once. I'm thinking of getting a bike so I can ride to the grocery store."

"So, if it's affecting that, certainly we're not going away for the holiday weekend," she said.

Henry Jordan, who manages a mortgage company in Plymouth, didn't have it so badly when he lived in Canton.

However, after he moved to Clinton Township, gas prices have become a major concern. So much so, that he will be taking fewer trips to his brother's northern Michigan property.

"We used to go about every other weekend, but we'll have to taper that down," Jordan said. "I have a long way to drive to work, so I have to dial it down a bit."

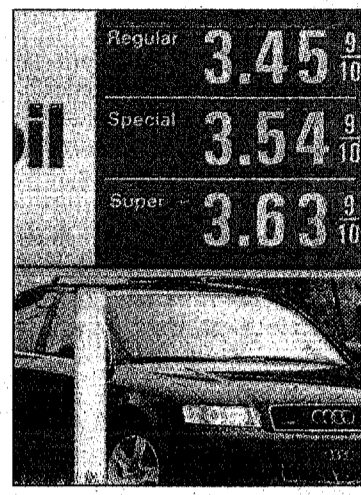
Patricia Kananen and her husband are retired, and said the gas prices aren't affecting

them as much.

"We don't have to drive to work every day," Kananen said. "It isn't going to keep us from doing anything. We're going to do it anyway."

However, while filling her gas can before going home to cut the lawn, Kananen was shocked at what she just paid.

"It cost me \$12 just for my lawn mower," Kananen said. "Isn't that nuts?"



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
 On Friday afternoon the Mobil station at the corner of Main and Mill had one of Plymouth's lower prices for regular gasoline.

This is 1st Lt. Don Bain, with an M-79 grenade launcher at the firing range at Ben Het. (Ben Het is about 2 kilometers from the Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia border intersection.) Soldiers used the M-79 to do what is called H&I firing (harassment and interdiction) at night. H&I is essentially random launching of grenades to try to catch enemy infiltrators. On one occasion, one of Bain's unit's H&I rounds was responded to with a heavy barrage of North Vietnamese automatic weapons fire.



Vets offer advice on workplace re-entry

BY JULIE BROWN
 STAFF WRITER

Military veterans face challenges getting reacclimated to the civilian workforce. Those who have served in the armed forces have words of advice for younger vets coming back from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Don Bain of Plymouth Township was in the U.S. Army 1966-69 in Vietnam. He worked in the Army as a civil engineer, construction officer, and mostly as an executive officer for a combat engineer company.

The Penn State graduate took ROTC military training as an undergraduate while there as it was mandatory. He was commissioned a second lieutenant at graduation.

Bain encourages younger veterans to get involved with veterans organizations to help them adjust. "It's not something anybody ever gets over," he said.

Bain recalled he got at least one "R-and-R" and wife Elaine met him in Hawaii. It was the Chinese New Year and the celebration included firecrackers.

"I immediately dove on the floor," Bain

said. "So you get kind of conditioned."

Bain doesn't have nightmares but still dreams that "somehow I've joined the Army again and that I was back in Vietnam."

He stayed in the Army a year and a half after Vietnam, resigning his commission as a captain. Bain earned a master of business administration degree on the GI Bill from the Wharton School/University of Pennsylvania, and had a 32-year career at Ford Motor Co.

PLEASE SEE VETERANS, A7

Board judging student 'impact' while debating cuts

BY TONY BRUSCATO
 STAFF WRITER

It appears the elimination of one of three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park athletic directors, boosting middle and high school pay-to-participate sports fees and increasing the distance elementary students will be required to walk to school are at the top of the list as the Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education attempts to identify \$5.5 million in cuts to balance the 2007-08 budget.

Those are among the 20 items identified by the school board Tuesday as having no impact on student achievement, and could be among the first to be implemented as board members look to balance next year's bottom line.

"Clearly, the 'no impact' are pretty much decided," said school board President Barry Simescu. "The other ones, which are moderate or major (student achievement impact), would be on the bottom of the list, the ones we'd have to choose. Those will be the hard ones."

No final decisions have been made, with discussions to contin-

ue in a workshop session Tuesday night at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center in Plymouth.

Laying off Plymouth High School athletic director Terry Sawchuk will save \$116,000 next year, although Superintendent Jim Ryan - in his memo to the board - said "there will be challenges to make this leadership work" if only two athletic directors remain for the three high schools.

Parents, coaches and athletes are meeting with Ryan at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Plymouth High School to discuss plans to cut Sawchuk.

Increasing pay-to-participate at the high school level from \$150 for the first sport and \$80 for the second sport to \$160 and \$100, respectively, is anticipated to add \$75,000 in revenues; while a hike in middle school pay-to-participate from \$50 to \$60 would add \$20,000 to the coffers.

"As we research what other school districts pay to participate, our district has the highest contribution listed," Ryan wrote. "I am concerned with increasing

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Wine tasting auction

A wine & beer tasting event and silent auction has been selected for the 2007 Dürr Systems annual charity project organized by the employees of the Plymouth-based automotive supplier.

The general public is invited to sample an array of wines and beers and enjoy delicious appetizers while helping several local charities.

Dürr Systems employees have selected four charities to benefit from the fund-raising event: The American Cancer Society, Just for Kids, Angela Hospice, and Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

The event takes place 5-7 p.m. Sunday, June 10, at Fiamma Grille in downtown Plymouth. A cash bar will be available 4-8 p.m. Cost is \$25 per ticket.

RSVP by May 30 to Judy Durham, Charity Committee at (734) 254-2520 or mail check to Dürr Systems, Inc. 40600 Plymouth Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 Attn: Judy Durham/Charity Committee. Fiamma Grille is located at 380 S. Main. For more information, call (734) 416-9340.

Rouge rescue

Plymouth Township officials will celebrate the Rouge River with its fourth annual Rouge Rescue day 9 a.m. Saturday, June 2, at Plymouth Township Park.

Participants are invited to bring their work gloves to help plant native shrubs and wildflowers along the Tonquish Creek and near the pond. Later in the day, officials host their

first Rouge Rescue Fishing Derby, the second-annual Rouge River Treasure Hunt and other children's activities.

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.; children 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. The planting starts at 9 a.m., the Fishing Derby at 10 a.m. and the other activities run 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, visit www.plymouthtpw.org or call the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, (734) 354-3270, Ext. 4.

Trash pickup

Plymouth Township officials are reminding residents there will be no trash, recycling or compost collection Monday, May 28, due to the Memorial Day holiday. Trash collection will be delayed a day, to include Saturday, June 2.

Items should be out to the curb by 7 a.m. the day after normal collection days.

For more information, call (734) 354-3270, Ext. 4.

Hike for Hope

New Hope Center for Grief Support sponsors the "Hike for Hope" 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 9, at Maybury State Park (Eight Mile entrance, one mile west of Beck Road, car fee of \$6), 20145 Beck Road in Northville, for a fun-filled family time walking or running and remembering our loved ones.

A registration fee of \$15 per person or \$25 per family will be charged; donations can be solicited by entrants from sponsors. Registration is from



Youth concert

The Plymouth Canton Symphony Society's own Celebration Youth Orchestra hosts their very first concert in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park on Tuesday, June 5, at 7:30 p.m. Young musicians in the CYO will perform a variety of classical and contemporary music, including Aaron Copland's 'Hoedown,' Percy Grainger's 'Shepherd's Hey,' 'In The Hall Of The Mountain King' by Edvard Grieg, 'Dance of the Yao People' by Mao Yau, the second movement of Beethoven's 7th Symphony, music from the blockbuster film 'Titanic,' and a medley from Disney classic, 'Aladdin.' The CYO is the youth orchestra supported by the Plymouth Symphony and is conducted by Ariel Toews, Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and Orchestra Canton Assistant Conductor. For more information or to schedule an audition for the 2007-2008 season, please contact the Plymouth Symphony office at 734.451.2112 or by e-mail at Jane@plymouthsymphony.org.

9-9:45 a.m. The hike will be followed by a "Time of Remembrance" and a complimentary hot dog lunch.

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach center located in Northville. The nonprofit agency provides grief support services for adults, children, and teens through groups, seminars and other resources. All groups offered by New Hope Center are provided free of charge and the agency relies on individual and community support for its funding.

For more information about Hike for Hope or to participate, volunteer, or be a business sponsor, call the New Hope office at (248) 348-0115.

Charity golf outing

Cooper-Standard Automotive hosts a charity golf outing to raise funds for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, a nonprofit organization that grants wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses.

The event takes place Monday, June 11, at the St.

John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth. It is being coordinated by a team of Cooper-Standard Automotive employees and is open to Cooper-Standard employees, customers, suppliers, and guests. The outing will begin with a breakfast at 8:30 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 10:30 a.m., and a dinner at the conference center.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan is a chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation® of America, the largest wish-granting organization in the world. Since its inception in 1984, the Michigan chapter has granted almost 5,000 wishes to children and their families.

Crafters Wanted

The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for its Craft Show that takes place during the Fall Festival Sept. 7-9, 2007.

Ten-by-ten foot spots will cost \$75 per day or \$200 for the three-day weekend. Jewelry vendors will be juried this year and have an earlier deadline of June 30.

Applications are available to download at www.plymouth-fallfestival.com or for more information call Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614.

Businesses at Fest

Businesses interested in participating in the Plymouth Fall Festival on Sept. 7-9, may sponsor the entertainment venues, or have a booth downtown during the Festival.

Sponsorships can include ads in the Fall Festival Guide, banners on the stage, and many other ways to get exposure for your business.

Visit www.plymouthfallfestival.com for application forms or call Colleen Brown, (734) 455-1614.

Brick paver class

The Rock Shoppe on Gotfredson Road in Plymouth offers a free class on brick paver installation 10 a.m. Saturday, June 2.

Participants can listen to the experts from Santsar explain the step-by-step process of installing a brick paver patio, sidewalk or driveway. Free design help will also be available.

Register on-line at rssales@tds.net or call (734) 455-5560. The Rock Shoppe is located at 6275 Gotfredson Road in Plymouth at the corner of North Territorial and Gotfredson Roads.

Senior Day

The Plymouth Council on Aging invites all older adults to participate in National Senior Health and Fitness Day 8 a.m. to noon Wednesday, May 30 at the Plymouth Community Cultural Center.

"We want to demonstrate that exercise can be fun," said Roberta Pummill, program coordinator for the Council on Aging. "This day will give you a chance to experience some appropriate and enjoyable forms of exercise. It's also a great opportunity to find out about health related resources in our community."

The event will include free blood pressure checks, hearing evaluations, dietitian, certified social worker, vitamin supplement expert, yoga breathing techniques, fall prevention/safety therapist, Tai Chi demonstration, massage

therapist, Medicaid/long-term care cost information and estate planning information, diabetes awareness, physical therapist, life-skill coaching, reverse mortgage specialist, chiropractic evaluations and more.

For more information, call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

Train ride

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging sponsors a two-hour dinner/train ride aboard the Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train on Sunday, July 22, 2007.

Cost is \$49 per person and includes a two-hour train ride, three-course meal and live jazz entertainment. The senior bus will be available for those who need transportation.

Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 for reservations and information.

Garden Walk

No-No's Garden Walk Adventure II features six home gardens, lectures, artists, all designed to provide a memorable Garden Walk experience.

The event takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 23. A free plant goes with the first 250 tickets sold.

Tickets are \$10 and are available in Plymouth at Backyard Birds, in Northville at Gardenviews, in Novi at Anglin Nursery and in Brighton at Bordine Nursery.

More information is available on-line at www.gardener-northville-novi.org

Baccalaureate Mass

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth hosts its annual Baccalaureate Mass and reception 4 p.m. Saturday, June 9.

Colleen Misiak, coordinator of youth ministry, is extending an invitation to all area graduates to join in worship and prayer. Graduates are to arrive in cap-and-gown and meet in the social hall on the lower level at 3:30 p.m. Mass follows at 4 p.m.

To register, go to the church's Web site at www.olgparish.net (click on Life Teen to download response form), or call (734) 453-0326, Ext. 243.

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Canton

A Memorial Day service in Canton begins 11 a.m. Monday at the Canton Veterans Memorial behind Canton's Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. The service will be to "Honor those who served and in Memory of those who died". The names of those from Canton who died from Iraq, Vietnam, WWII and the Civil War will be read. A brick paver for Sgt Bryan K. Burgess, Marine Forces Reserve's 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Perrysburg, Ohio, who was killed in Iraq Nov. 9, 2006, has been added to the Memorial Walk of Heroes.

Garden City

Garden City will honor veterans in a ceremony at 11 a.m. Monday on the lawn of City Hall, Middlebelt north of Ford. The ceremony will include the placement of wreaths by various veteran groups.

Westland

A Memorial Day parade honoring veterans is scheduled to start at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 27, at the Wayne-Ford Civic League. It will proceed north to Ford Road and then move west to Westland City Hall.

Following the parade, new street signs will be unveiled during a ceremony designating Central City Parkway as Honorary Veterans Memorial Parkway.

OAKLAND

Berkley

May 28: A memorial ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. at City Hall, 3338 Coolidge.

Beverly Hills

May 28: The Beverly Hills 25th annual Fun Run/Walk will be held at 9:30 a.m. Memorial Day, at Beverly School, 18305 Beverly Road.

Clarkston

May 28: A parade along Main Street in downtown Clarkston starts at 10 a.m., sponsored by American Legion Post 63 and featuring Clarkston High School Marching Band. A ceremony afterward at Lakeview Cemetery honors veterans. More than 600 names of veterans buried in cemetery will be read. Veterans who attend will each be given a medallion.

Clawson

May 28: Clawson's American Legion holds a parade at 10 a.m. starting on S. Main Street and ending at Blair Memorial Library.

Farmington

May 28: The City of Farmington will hold its annual Memorial Day Parade at 10 a.m., starting at the Uptown Plaza at Grand River and Mooney Street and proceeding west on Grand River, ending at Liberty Street, one block west of Farmington Road. A short public ceremony will be held in Memorial Park at Grand River and Oakland Street following the parade, where members of the armed forces and local police and fire personnel will be honored. Detours will include M-5 freeway and Freedom Road. For more information, call Farmington Public Safety at (248) 474-4700 or American Legion Post #346, 31775 Grand River, at (248) 478-9174.

Ferndale

May 28: The city's Memorial Day parade starts at 10 a.m. at Breckenridge and Livernois and proceeds along Livernois,

Maplehurst, Woodward, Nine Mile and back to Livernois. A memorial service follows at 11 a.m. at the Memorial Mall on Livernois.

Lake Orion

May 28: There will be a 1 p.m. ceremony at the Orion Veterans Memorial, M-24 and Odanah. The names of all deceased Orion veterans to be read.

Oxford

May 28: A parade starts at Centennial Park in downtown Oxford at 10 a.m.

Rochester

May 28: Memorial Day events begin at 9:15 a.m. at Mt. Avon Cemetery in Rochester. After a short ceremony there, a parade travels about a mile to Veterans Memorial Pointe in Rochester Hills, located at Avon and Livernois. Services at Memorial Pointe are scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

Royal Oak

May 28: The Royal Oak Historical Society holds its Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast from 7 a.m. to noon at the Royal Oak Farmers Market, 316 E. 11 Mile Road. All you can eat; \$5 for adults, \$3 kids age 10 and under. The city's Memorial Day Parade starts at 9 a.m. on Washington Avenue. The Royal Oak Memorial Society will host a ceremony at Oakview Cemetery following the parade. Visit www.ci.royal-oak.mi.us/city/events for a map of the parade route.

Troy

May 27: White Chapel Cemetery, 621 W. Long Lake Road, will have the Memorial Day Celebration Concert at 3 p.m. on the cemetery grounds surrounding the "Temple of Memories" landmark. The event will feature the Birmingham Concert Band.

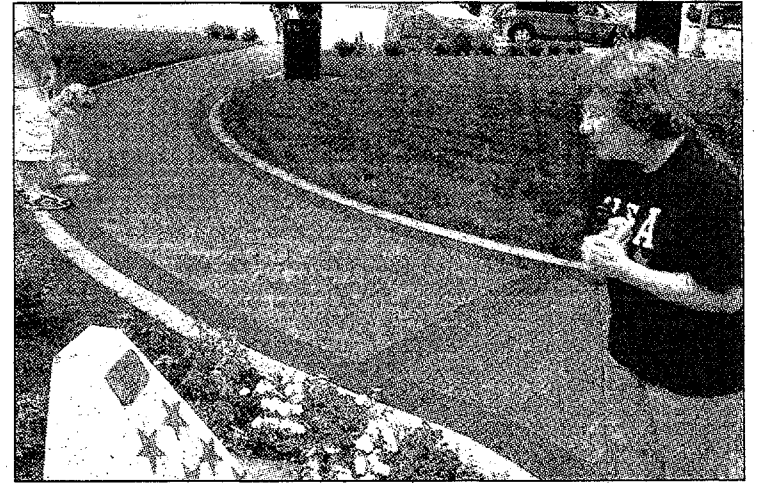
May 28: The city's Memorial Day ceremony will be at 11 a.m. at Veterans Plaza in front of Troy City Hall, on Civic Center Drive, north of Big Beaver and west of Livernois. Also, at 11

a.m. Monday, White Chapel Cemetery, 621 W. Long Lake Road, will host the 77th annual WWI Polar Bear Memorial Service, honoring the Polar Bear Expedition, a contingent of mostly Michigan soldiers who landed in Russia in 1918 to fight Bolshevik forces.

West Bloomfield

May 28: The St. Mary's Polish Country Fair continues at St. Mary's Preparatory School, including a midway, ethnic foods, live music and Las Vegas tent. The fair information line is (248) 706-6775.

The Keego Harbor memorial service begins at 9:30 a.m., at Cass Lake Road just south of Orchard Lake Road. The parade starts at 10:15 a.m. and goes from Keego Harbor to Sylvan Lake. The Sylvan Lake memorial service immediately follows the parade at Memorial Park on Garland Street at about 11:30 a.m. A Memorial Day service at Pine Lake Cemetery begins at 10 a.m.



MARCUS SINGLETON

Joan Pawelak got a close-up look at the memorial to mark the site of nine trees planted to honor Plymouth boys who died in service between 1917 and 1918 during last year's Memorial Day service at Plymouth's Veterans Memorial Park.

STAYING HOME?

- What: Plymouth Memorial Day Parade and Heritage Day
- Where: Downtown Plymouth, from Wing/Harvey down Main to Veterans Memorial Park in front of Central Middle School
- When: 7:30 a.m. Monday, May 28
- Why: To honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for their country; Heritage Day will feature free admission to the Plymouth Historical Museum for those who belong to veterans' organizations. People will be dressed in costume and a photo studio set up for people to have their pictures taken in costume; birthday cakes and punch will be on hand to celebrate Plymouth Township's 180th anniversary and to honor Plymouth, incorporated as a village in 1867.

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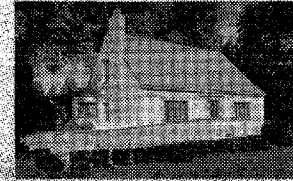
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Festival will help war veterans

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland has been chosen to host an outdoor blues festival organized by veterans to help soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

The 12-hour G.I. Blues Festival, featuring performers such as Detroit's own Johnnie Bassett, has been scheduled for noon to midnight Saturday, Aug. 4, at the Wayne-Ford Civic League, on Wayne Road south of Ford.

Veterans Haven, a Wayne-based charitable organization that helps hard-luck veterans with everything from shelter to meals to job searches, plans to stage the event with help from The Detroit Blues Society.

"We have a lot of veterans who are returning home who are not getting the medical attention they need or the monetary benefits they need

right away," said Scott Romp, Veterans Haven spokesman. "Some veterans have come home to find their house payments haven't been made, or maybe their spouse has left them and they don't know where to turn. Maybe we can help them out."

Soldiers returning to places like Michigan have been particularly hard hit, because they are coming home to a state where jobs are scarce, he said. "We can't help everybody," he said, "but we're doing what we can."

G.I. Blues Festival tickets cost \$10 and are available by calling (734) 478-0822 or (734) 728-0527, Romp said. On-site parking will cost \$5. Organizers still have to seek approval from city leaders.

"We're counting on their continued support for veterans and the civic league," said league President Vic Barra. Despite difficult times that

saw two former civic league officers resign amid embezzling charges, Barra said, "I'm proud to say the civic league is coming back to its roots by helping charitable organizations."

Romp urged anyone who wants to help sell tickets to call (734) 478-0822.

Major sponsors for the G.I. Blues Festival include Ford Motor Credit Co., LaSalle Bank and the Gleaners Community Food Bank, Romp said.

This week, Romp released details of performers who he said will play the festival, starting with Steve Arvey at noon; The Carl Caballero Band at 1:30 p.m.; The Alligators at 3 p.m.; The Front Street Blues Band at 4:30 p.m.; The Eddy King Band at 6 p.m.; Sweet Claudette & Friends at 7:30 p.m.; The Christy Howard Band at 9 p.m.; and the Johnnie Bassett Band at 10:30 p.m.

Hulsing letter-writers honored

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

For the fifth consecutive year, students at Hulsing Elementary have been awarded top honors for sending the most number of letters to military personnel around the world as part of the Mail to the Military program.

Students received recognition this week as the top elementary school in Michigan, mailing 440 letters to U.S. troops this school year. They wrote letters in October for arrival in time for Christmas, and again in January for delivery by the military for Valentine's Day.

"We received a number of responses, and they all came from military people in Iraq," said Jodi Ring, Hulsing fifth-grade teacher who initiated the program at Hulsing. "We received more female responses this year, and more

responses from Marines than any other branch of the military. They said very positive things, telling students to keep working hard in school and what it was like for them in fifth grade."

Along with Ring's class, students in Alissa Linton's kindergarten class, Matt Gold's fourth grade and Charles Huhta's fifth grade also participated.

Eleven-year-old Kristin Burdette of Canton Township mailed 42 letters to military personnel throughout the school year.

"I really just wanted to make soldiers in Iraq happy," said Kristin. "I like to support the troops because I know it can get very lonely out there without their families."

Kristin said she received three responses from the letters she wrote.

"They told me it wasn't too bad, and what kind of food

they ate and where they were stationed," she said.

Olivia Tubaro, 10, of Canton wrote 10 letters and received a couple of responses.

"It encourages people to think about what great things people are doing in Iraq for us," Olivia said.

Ring said students are getting a number of lessons from the Mail to the Military program.

"They're expected to know how to write a friendly letter, and it teaches them geography," Ring said. "Plus, it helps teach our core democratic values, of which patriotism is one. It makes them better citizens, and more appreciative of the men and women serving our country proudly and bravely."

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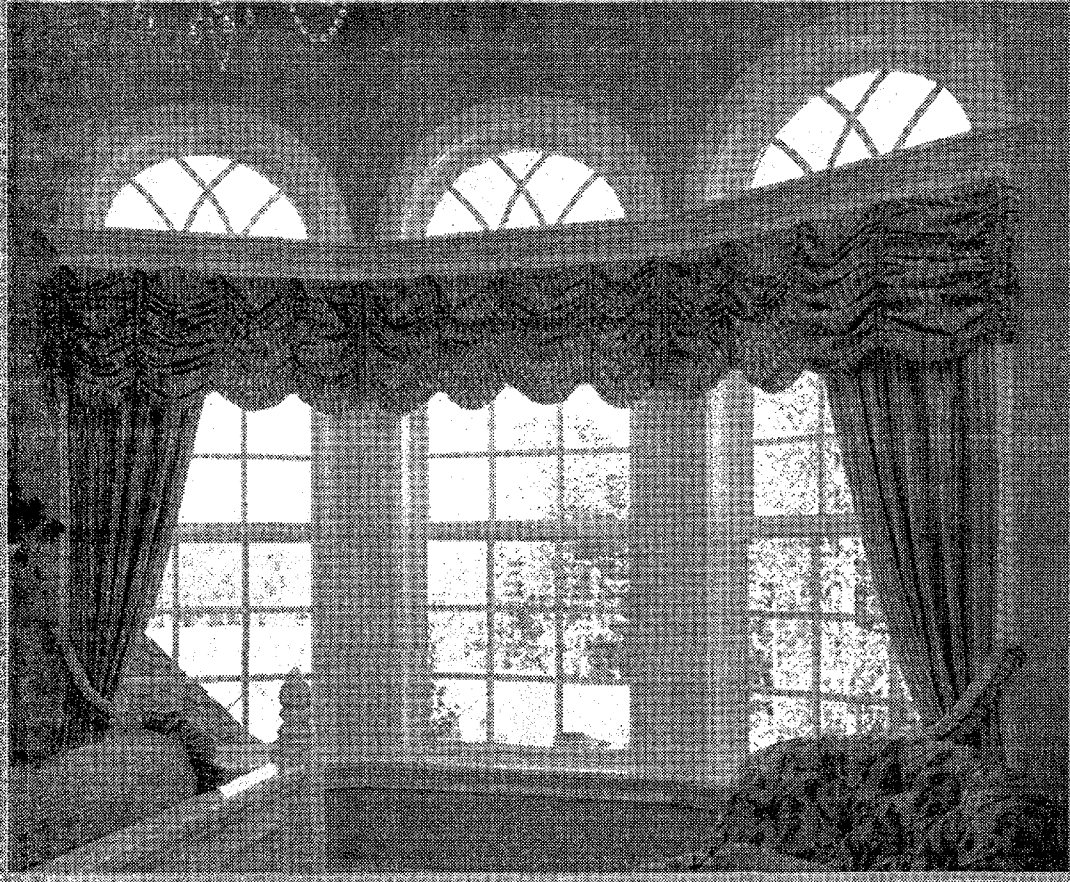
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 these fees any higher, because these students are only guaranteed a spot on a team and are not guaranteed playing time." Increasing the elementary walking distance to 1 1/2 miles, the farthest by law, would eliminate 30 bus runs and affect more than 2,000 students, with a total savings of \$206,000.

Those "hard ones" referred to by Simescu include increasing elementary, middle and high school class size, which would save the district \$2.37 million, mainly the result of 40 full-time teacher position reductions.

Also listed as "high" or "moderate" impact on student achievement were elimination of the district's development director, Tom Sklut, and his secretary, \$175,000; reduction of school nurses for the entire district from two of four, \$171,000; elimination of the kindergarten LEAP reading program paraprofessionals, \$460,000; and the elimination of district busing for all field trips, \$50,000.

Trustee Steven Sneiderman said voting to increase class sizes will be a tough decision for him.

"There's the risk of losing control of the classroom," said Sneiderman. "You have more behavioral issues with that and less teaching going on."

"When I came on this board, I was hoping to work toward decreasing class sizes," he said. "Having 29 1/2 kids, on average, in a middle school classroom is too high. But, our hands are tied. We have to do something or we'll be out of business."

Board Secretary Judy Mardigian said the possibility of losing LEAP paraprofessionals at the kindergarten level is not a good option.

"They are working one-on-one with kids to try to get reading to first-grade level, and if they can reach that goal that's worth every dollar we've invested," Mardigian said. "If you can have every student reading at first-grade level in first grade, we're going to see tremendous savings down the line in special education classification and support services for students. And, you want to have students feeling successful right from the beginning."


Nancy Eggenberger, who was appointed to the board only hours earlier to fill an unexpired term, said she's prepared to take on the tough issues, but it will be difficult.

"I didn't work hard to try and pass bonds for two years not knowing how awful the cuts would be," said Eggenberger, who was co-chair of the last two school district bond issues. "This is an incredible district, with incredible things going on, and I hate to see any of them challenged more than they already are."

Simescu said state funding will help determine how far down the list the board eventually goes in making cuts.

"We don't even know the numbers (per-pupil cut) yet for this year, let alone guessing what will happen next year," said Simescu. "We'll just have to make a decision how far we need to cut this year, and the farther we cut the more likely some of those will end up on the list."

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Man gets life for slaying cross-dresser

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
 STAFF WRITER

Andre Marcel Adams, 34, has been sentenced to life in prison after being convicted of first-degree murder last month in the April 2006 death of Robert Lee Armstrong.

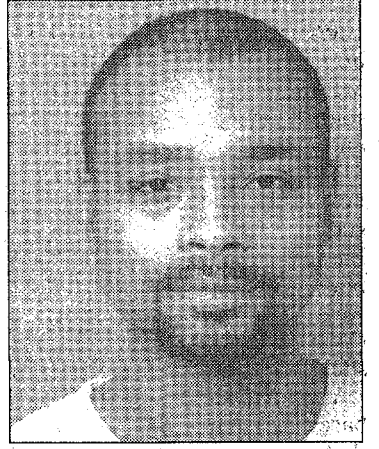
Adams of Ypsilanti was found guilty of murdering the 46-year-old Canton father of two after offering him a ride in his rented vehicle.

The two, whom the defense claimed had a romantic friendship, were at Armstrong's trailer at the time of his murder. He was beaten in the back of his head with a flashlight.

His young children, who now live with their mother in Mississippi, discovered his body the next day and alerted a neighbor.

During the four-day trial,

Adams, who has a lengthy criminal history, did not testify at the trial. The defense suggested that Armstrong's estranged brother-in-law, Dennis Duff of Ypsilanti, killed Armstrong because he disapproved of his cross-dressing and homosexual lifestyle.



Andre Marcel Adams

fingerprint experts testified that Adams' fingerprints were found on the bloody murder weapon.

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At the time of his death, Armstrong was wearing a skirt

and pantyhose.

The prosecution called a 21-year-old man who testified that Adams had raped and beat him in a Livonia hotel in February 2006. They also brought forth a former girlfriend who said he confessed to the slaying.

ART IN THE SUN

Northville's juried fine arts festival, Art in the Sun, returns June 16-17. In its 19th year, the event features over 100 artists in all mediums of fine art, lively music throughout the festival, and concessions. Festival attendees will again be able to paint on a

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Local students are Eccentric all-stars

The *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* recently named three teams of Academic All-Stars, in both its Oakland and Wayne county coverage areas, and a pair of local residents made the Oakland County list.

Iris Tian of Canton, a senior set to be graduated from Cranbrook Kingswood School, ranked 15th among the 21 members of the *Eccentric* All-Stars.

Jane Herriman of Plymouth, who attends Marian High School in Birmingham, was a runner-up on the *Eccentric* team.

Public, private and parochial schools in the *Eccentric* circulation area were invited to nominate their top two students.

Students are selected based solely on academic credentials (grade point average in academic subjects and ACT or SAT scores). A principals team, headed by Dan Willenborg of Frankling High School, selected the students in late March. Other principals included: Terry Piper of Birmingham

Seaholm, Charlie Hollerith of Lahser High School, Joan Sedik of Westland John Glenn, Jim Myers of Farmington Hills Harrison and Jan Meagher of Clarkston High School.

The all-stars and their parents were honored on May 11 at a breakfast awards ceremony at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. Partnering with the *O&E* on the all-star project are Huntington Bank, Madonna University and Oakland University. All-Stars also received a U.S. Savings Bond courtesy of Huntington and other gifts from the *O&E*.

The All-stars and runners-up were featured in special sections published in the *Observer & Eccentric* on May 10.

Iris Tian Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School

Iris Tian of Canton plans to attend Harvard, the University of Michigan's Ross Business School, Stanford or Duke. She is undecided about her major, and is considering something in business, medicine or the



Iris Tian
Cranbrook
Kingswood
Upper School

sciences. "I plan on exploring my interest in medicine by working with a cardiologist during my school's Senior May Project. If I enjoy it, I may pursue a career as a doctor," Tian said. "As of

right now, I am still quite undecided as to what I want to devote the rest of my life to."

Tian was a Spanish National Examination Runner-up, a National Merit Finalist, in the Michigan Math Prize Competition top 100, a Jayne Scholar (with a merit scholarship to attend Cranbrook Kingswood), in the Cum Laude Society and an AP Scholar with Distinction.

She was varsity swimming and diving captain, Student Council president, in the Cabinet community service group, in the Gold Key admis-

sions organization, and a volunteer tutor at the Hispanic Community Service Center.

Tian played clarinet in the symphony band. She played lacrosse and piano.

Robert Frederikson (pre-calculus, calculus BC, advisor) is the teacher who had the greatest influence on Tian.

"Fred," as we call him, has witnessed my growth during my entire high school career and has been there for me throughout it all," she said. "He encouraged me to develop confidence and pride in my abilities and myself, and aided in my growth both as an intellectual and as a person. I would not be the person I am now without him."

Tian is the daughter of Yanying Wang and Ye Tian, and the sister of Eric, 14.

Jane Herriman Marian High School

College prospects: The University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, Georgetown University, Brown, Columbia, Vassar or Oberlin, to study chemistry and French.

Academic honors: AP Chemistry Award, high scorer on the National French Test, AP Scholar, Sister Elizabeth Girardot Scholarship in Social Studies.

Extracurricular activities: Modern, ballet/poente, jazz, lyrical, hip hop and ballroom dance. Model United Nations treasurer, French Honor Society president, PB&J Outreach Ministry (volunteer work to feed the homeless in Detroit), English Literary Society, Amnesty International, National Honor Society, Lyceum Philosophy Club.

Influential teachers: Dante Melotti (honors world history), Barbara Webb (AP chemistry), Cindy Krasucki (honors French 1 and 2, AP French), Mary Macaulay (biology, honors physics).

"Mr. Melotti's course was especially important to me freshman year because his

teaching style was so unique to me. He taught me that history, more than a simple list of figures and dates, is the compilation of the passions and inspirations of individuals.

"Ms. Webb has always been very supportive of me and she furthered my love of chemistry. She works so hard to ensure that everyone is up to par and her efforts really show through her teaching strategies.

"Madame Krasucki is one of the most understanding teachers I have ever had. She never criticizes us because she knows we're under a lot of stress. Her love of teaching and of the French language has inspired our class to love every minute of second hour.

"Mrs. Macaulay always goes the extra mile (or two or three) to help everyone understand her physics courses. She presents information in new and interesting ways that allow us to recognize science as a part of everyday life."

Herriman, of Plymouth, is the daughter of Mary Ann Prehlik and Daniel A. Herriman, and the sister of Nancy, 13, and Meg, 11.

DIABETES WORKSHOP

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will host a Diabetes Workshop 1-3 p.m. Monday, June 4, at the Plymouth District Library's Waldorf Room. A registered dietitian/certified diabetes educator will present the program, emphasizes healthy food choices, weight loss and physical activity based on the findings of the Diabetes Prevention Program Study. This two-hour program is designed for people who have risk factors for diabetes, such as family history, and who want to learn how to prevent or delay the onset of the disease. Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 to sign up. The program is sponsored by the Plymouth Community Council on Aging.



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Albion College

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Jeremy Boothroyd received a degree in economics and management with a minor in geological sciences, with a concentration in the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in Professional Management. Boothroyd is the son of Scott and Belinda Boothroyd of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

Brandon Hill graduated cum laude, receiving a degree in biology and French. The honor of cum laude signifies that Hill graduated with a cumulative grade point average above 3.5. Hill is the son of James and Meri-Lyn Hill of Plymouth and a graduate of Salem High School.

Ryan Johnson graduated summa cum laude, receiving a degree in economics and management with a minor in history. The honor of summa cum laude signifies that Johnson graduated with a cumulative grade point average above 3.9. Johnson is the son of Carlton and Phyllis Johnson of Plymouth and a graduate of University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

Danielle Shepard graduated cum laude, receiving a degree in speech with completion of the elementary education program. The honor of cum laude signifies that Shepard graduated with a cumulative grade point average above 3.5. Shepard is the daughter of Chuck and Carol Shepard of Plymouth and a graduate of Canton High School.

Erica Stoney received a degree in mathematics with completion of the elementary education program. Stoney is the daughter of Matthew and Susan Stoney of Plymouth and a graduate of Canton High School.

Spring Arbor

Emily McHenry, daughter of James and Kimberly McHenry of Plymouth, graduated cum laude from Spring Arbor University in Spring Arbor, Mich.

As a cum laude graduate, McHenry earned her associate of arts degree with a grade-point average of 3.50-3.69.

Kenyon College

Allison Goldsmith, daughter of Jeffrey Goldsmith and Kathy Payne of Plymouth, has been named a Summer Science Scholar for 2007 at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio.

The science program at Kenyon supports student-faculty research during the summer vacation, for which scholars are chosen in competition among student-faculty proposals: Working at Kenyon with Assistant Professor of Chemistry John Hofferberth, Goldsmith will study the characterization of PBPLma, a pheromone-binding protein in the Madera cockroach *Leucophaea maderae*.

Goldsmith also recently performed in the Kenyon College Spring Dance Concert. The program featured pieces choreographed by nine students and a piece created especially for the seniors choreographed by Associate Professor of Dance Balinda Craig-Quijada.

Goldsmith danced in "There is no hurry. We shall

get there someday," a title taken from A.A. Milne's *The House at Pooh Corner*.

A graduate of Canton High School, Goldsmith is a sophomore majoring in biochemistry at Kenyon.

University of Northwestern Ohio

Sara Beth McDonald of Canton and Jonathan Zapolski of Plymouth were among the students who made the Dean's List for the March 200 session in the College of Technologies at the University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima.

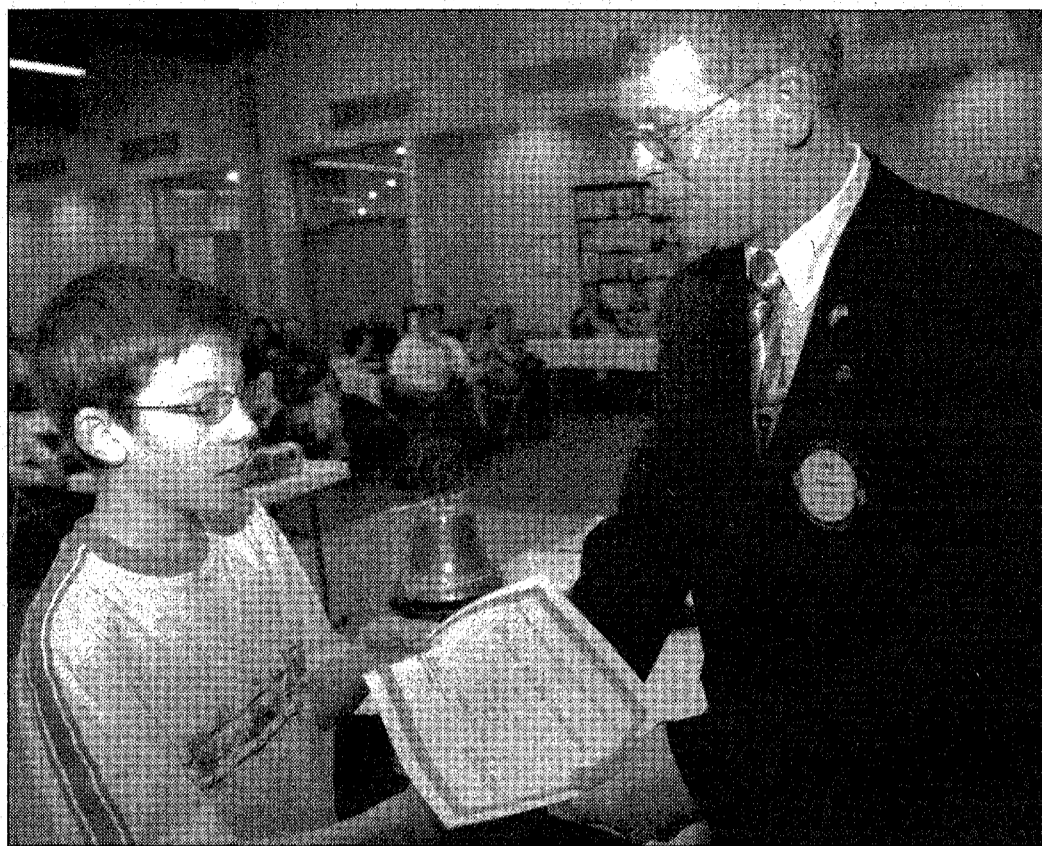
Full-time students who earned a grade-point average of 3.5 or better made the list.

Howe Military School

Cadet Melvin Sillmon, an 11th-grader at Howe Military School in Howe, Ind., and the son of Anna and Melvin Sillmon of Plymouth, was recently identified by the USA Junior Nationals basketball program as one of the outstanding high school basketball players in his region.

Sillmon, who also made the school's Headmaster List for attaining at least a 3.0 grade-point average, was invited to attend the prestigious USA Junior Nationals All-State High School Basketball Competition at Eastern Michigan University.

The selection committee expressed its desire to see Sillmon compete in the USA Junior Nationals Michigan/Canada/Indiana all-state competition. Teams will be formed to represent the area in the International Sports Festival July 23-29 in Columbus, Ohio.



HEATHER ROUSSEAU

Rotary Club President Jan Eisen hands East Middle School student Collin Richter his certificate as one of the winners of the Rotary Club Essay Contest.

Rotary honors essay winners

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Rotary Club of Plymouth recently granted more than a dozen awards to sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students in its Four-Way Test Essay Contest.

Students wrote essays based on the Rotary's Four-Way Test: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? Winners received a certificate and a U.S. Savings Bond.

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"The ongoing support of this group has influenced the

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lives of hundreds of children and given them strategies to make worthwhile contributions to our community," Franklin said. "The legacy established and maintained by the Rotary and the Four-Way Test will affect the lives, not only of these contest winners, but of all those who entered the contest. And, also the lives of all those who interact with anyone who understands the Four-Way Test and applies its questions to everyday interactions."

The winners included: Nisha Gopal and Rachna

Chhaya of Pioneer Middle School; Mark Haidar, Ashley Saleen, Kate Perny, Jamie Olson, Jenn Coon and Katie Binger of West; Allison Morrison of Discovery; Kelly Valentini, Matthew Solarz, Brendan Dunleavy and Kathryn Stasa of Our Lady of Good Counsel; Kelsey Schwalm and Sara Krebs of Central; and Collin Richter, Brandon Dalton, Preethi Kesavan, Kristen Childs, Taylor Birman and Osbert Fu of East.

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When mutual funds close, don't sell the fund or rush to invest

Dear Rick: A mutual fund I own is closing. Should I sell that fund?

Mutual funds close for a number of different reasons. Mostly, they close because the portfolio manager believes there are sufficient assets in the portfolio and he/she is concerned by taking in more money they will not be able to invest efficiently and wisely. Over the last few years, more and more mutual funds have closed to investors.

When mutual funds close to new investors, it typically does not mean that existing investors cannot continue to contribute into the fund. In addition, the fund still remains open to certain types of investors. For example, many Registered Investment Advisers such as my firm, Bloom Asset Management, can continue to invest in funds that are closed to the general public.

Sometimes a fund may close to the general public and still remain open in salary deferral programs such as 401(k) or 403(b) plans. Unfortunately, some mutual funds close as a marketing ploy. In order to attract new money, funds will tell investors they are closing and then hope new money rushes into the fund. It is not unusual for funds like this to reopen down the road.

My advice is if you are an existing shareholder, don't sell the fund. Nor should a new investor rush into the fund to get a position just because it is closing. I have not seen any independent research that shows that a closed fund either outperforms or underperforms and that should be your main focus.

If a fund I am in is closing I monitor it and make a decision on the most important thing - how it performs and how it fits into my portfolio.

Dear Rick: My income has taken a significant hit this year. I will no longer be receiving my bonus. I was thinking about potentially converting a portion of my IRA into a Roth IRA. What factors should I consider? Congratulations on looking to take advantage of a bad situation. I am a big fan of converting existing IRAs into Roth IRAs. A Roth IRA allows money to grow tax free vs. a traditional IRA where money grows tax deferred. In addition, when an individual reaches 70 1/2, he/she must begin to take required minimum distributions from a traditional IRA. In a Roth IRA, there are no required minimum distributions so money can grow tax free for as long as an individual chooses.

Unfortunately, not everyone qualifies to convert money into a Roth IRA. In order to qualify, your adjusted gross income must be less than \$100,000 whether you are married or single.

When someone decides to convert money from a traditional IRA into a Roth there is an immediate tax consequence. The money in the traditional IRA being converted is subject to income tax. However, it is important to recognize that traditional IRA money would always be subject to income tax. When you do convert to a Roth you are accelerating your tax liability, not increasing it.

Unfortunately, not everyone qualifies to convert money into a Roth IRA. In order to qualify, your adjusted gross income must be less than \$100,000 whether you are married or single. In 2010 there is a scheduled change to our tax law that will temporarily waive this requirement. At that point, anyone will be able to take advantage of a Roth conversion regardless of income.

My general rules for Roth conversion are:

- You have to have money to pay the additional income tax without touching the money you are converting.
- By paying the additional tax, you are not putting yourself into a higher tax bracket.
- You can invest the money for the long term, generally five to seven years.

If you meet these requirements, it makes sense to convert. Many seniors are under the mistaken belief that once you turn 70 1/2 you are no longer allowed a Roth conversion. That's not the case. You can't convert your required minimum distribution amount. However, you can convert anything above that amount.

When contributing new money into a Roth IRA, there is no deduction for new contributions. However, for most people who are eligible to contribute new money into a Roth IRA, it makes sense to forego the tax write-off. The benefit of allowing money to grow tax free vs. tax deferred offsets the benefit of deducting your IRA contribution amount.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. *Observer & Eccentric* readers can submit questions at money matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400 AM.

This year, we remember heroes real and imaginary

Yesterday marked the 100th birthday of John Wayne. Tomorrow is Memorial Day. In many minds the two might seem related, though Wayne never served in the armed forces.

For a couple of generations of Americans, Wayne's swaggering Marines and brawling cowboys epitomized the American spirit. He was a 6-foot-4 colossus of righteousness (and sometimes self-righteousness) in the face of evil. Though never regarded as a great "actor," Wayne was one of the greatest movie stars, an icon as big as the screen he filled.

He played the part so well, he began to embody it in real life. He lent his support to many conservative causes, which he seemed to equate with true Americanism.

World War II broke out shortly after Wayne's career elevated from quickie 'B' westerns to major productions with John Ford's *Stagecoach*. It is Wayne's introductory shot in that film that sealed his image as *the* American.

Ironically, Wayne used every maneuver he could to avoid military service that might have derailed his blooming career.

While actors like James Stewart and Robert Montgomery and athletes like Hank Greenberg and Ted Williams engaged in real combat, Wayne waged his battles on Hollywood backlots and soundstages.

But his rugged image endured and inspired the real troops and blurred the line between real heroes and make-believe.

Wayne's story is interesting in light of our current situation in Iraq.

Those who have been most responsible for propelling us into this war, the president and vice president, did all they could to avoid involvement in the war of their generation. Vice President Dick Cheney famously said, "I had other priorities in the '60s than military service."

The 58,000 Americans who died in the Vietnam War probably had other priorities as well.

As someone who had first a student deferment and then a medical deferment during my draft years, I understand about other priorities. Unlike the president and his vice president, I also had strong objections to the war, though I won't pretend to say what I would have done if I didn't have legitimate deferments. Courage is something you earn, not something you claim.

Since that war, we stopped conscription except as a phantom registration process. The theory was that if military personnel signed up

Military men and women go where they are sent. They can't pick and choose their battles without disrupting the whole process. Most serve honorably, courageously and emphasize not their battle bravery, but their personal successes in winning over the hearts and minds of those they believe they are there to help.

voluntarily, the objections from those who "have other priorities" wouldn't be so loud and troublesome.

But as several former military leaders have made clear in recent months, those who choose to serve need to know that they are serving in a just cause, given the fullest of material support, and the best care available if they become a casualty.

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And many give their lives honorably and courageously for the sake of American ideals.

But as an increasing majority of Americans grow skeptical about this war and its civilian leaders, we must realize that supporting our military is not the same as blindly supporting the policies of those civilian leaders who had "other priorities" when they were of an age to answer the call. Our democracy says the way to honor our military is to ask tough questions about all wars and speak out against those who would put young Americans in harm's way based on false and contrived data. We also need to be sure they are given what they need to protect themselves in an increasingly dangerous environment and that when they come home they receive the best medical care in the finest facilities possible.

Misters Bush and Cheney should make that a priority.

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Kai Walther (red uniform) and Joshua Bair battle for possession of the ball during an opening-round game of the 25th Annual Canton Cup Soccer Tournament.

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25th Canton Cup kicks off



Kathleen Keenmon relays instructions to her team of U-9 girls during Friday night's opening game of the 25th Annual Canton Cup Soccer Tournament at Independence Park in Canton Township.

The 25th Annual Canton Cup — one of the largest youth soccer tournaments in the Midwest — kicked off Friday night with several games at four Canton Township parks.

Over 500 teams registered to play in this year's tournament, which will run through this afternoon at Independence, Griffin, Flodin and Heritage parks. The tournament is sponsored by the Canton Soccer Club.

For results from this weekend's games, visit www.hometownlife.com beginning Tuesday night; or see Thursday's Observer Sports section.

PCEP soccer teams set for District play

The three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park girls soccer teams will open their respective Division 1 District tournaments that will be hosted by Livonia Churchill and Wayne Memorial this week.

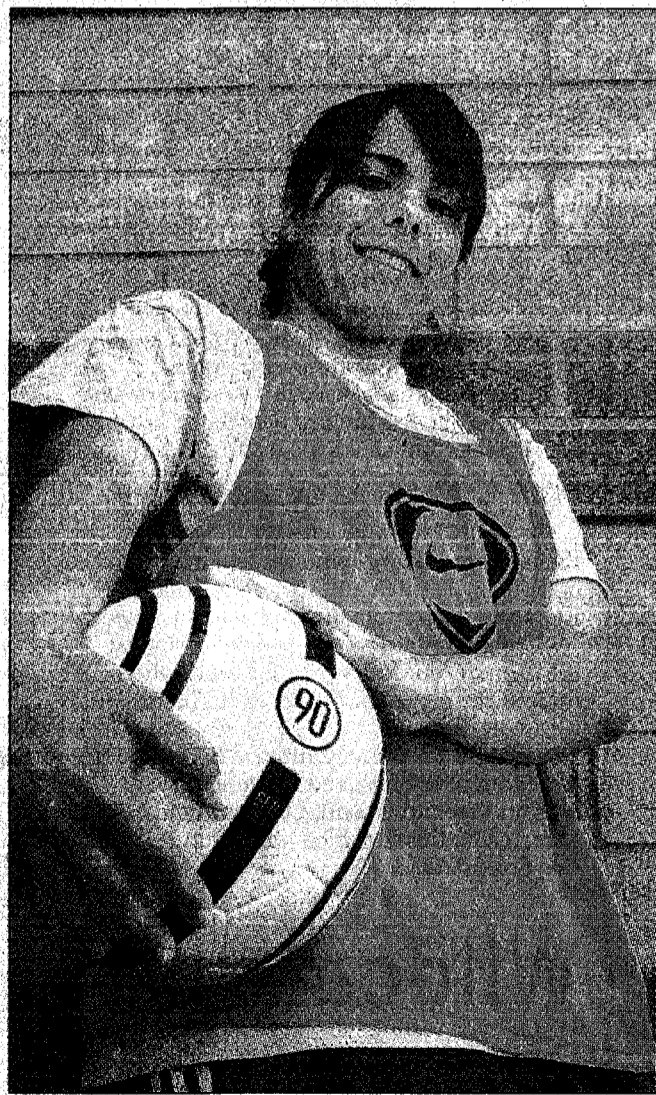
Plymouth will open the post-season on Tuesday when it hosts Northville in a first-round game set to kick off at 7 p.m. The winner of that contest will take on Salem at 7 p.m. on Wednesday. The Rocks drew a first-round bye.

The other first-round match-ups in the Churchill District will pit Livonia Stevenson against Pinckney and Livonia Franklin against the host Chargers.

The championship game is set for Friday at 4 p.m. at Churchill.

Canton will be participating in the District hosted by Wayne Memorial. The Chiefs will open Tuesday when they host Ann Arbor Pioneer at 7 p.m. A victory would earn the Chiefs a berth in Thursday's semifinal showdown against the winner of Tuesday's Garden City-Wayne Memorial game. Ann Arbor Huron and Romulus will square off in that District's other first-round game.

The championship tilt is set for Friday at 7 p.m. at Wayne Memorial.



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Plymouth goalkeeper Brittany Warner has been a mainstay in front of the net for the Wildcats for the past four years. Warner will take her net-minding skills to Oakland University in the fall.

GOLD KEEPER

Plymouth GK Warner has been money between pipes since '04

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

On the night of April 23, the powerful, state-ranked, hardly-ever-beaten Northville girls soccer team discovered something that Jeff Neschich has known for quite some time — that Plymouth senior goal-keeper Brittany Warner is as good as gold.

Warner, a four-year starter, took Danielle Toney & Co.'s best shots that night and never even flinched in the 1-1 draw.

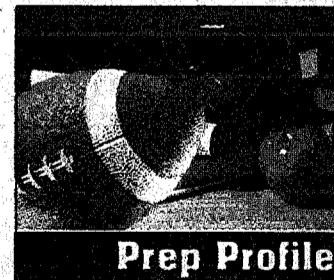
True, she gave up a goal, but most keepers do that every 20 minutes or so when they face the hard-charging Mustangs.

"Brittany has played a lot of great games since she's been here, but that may have been the best," said Neschich, the Wildcats' head coach for the past two seasons. "She had a couple of saves that night that were just phenomenal. She kept us in the game."

"Brittany has a presence about her when she steps on the field — both in practice and in the games — that the rest of the team feeds off of."

Warner has thrived as a goalkeeper ever since she slipped on her first pair of goalie gloves as a 12-year-old travel player.

"I started out playing forward, but my team needed a goalie one day at practice and I volunteered," Warner remembered. "I liked it right away. I enjoyed the pressure that came with the position, knowing that everything was on me."



Prep Profile

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PREP BASEBALL

Instant classic

Lakers outlast Chiefs in 10-inning thriller

Drama, tension, great plays, clutch hitting — Friday afternoon's Canton-West Bloomfield baseball game had it all.

Unfortunately for the Chiefs, it also had disappointment.

In a game that won't soon be forgotten by those in attendance, the Lakers pulled out a 12-10 victory in 10 innings.

The lead seesawed back and forth like a tennis match. Canton led 5-0 after four innings before the Lakers stormed back with six runs in the top of the fifth. The big hit in the Chiefs' three-run first was Dan Stoney's RBI single that scored Dan Milus. Canton padded its advantage to 5-0 in the third when Blaine

Paden's hard-hit triple scored Brad Barath and William Tidwell, both of whom had been hit by pitches.

After West Bloomfield scored six in the top of the fifth, Canton regained the lead, 7-6, on singles from Ben Vaughn and Dan Stoney and a squeeze bunt by Tidwell.

The Lakers scored a pair in the top of the sixth to go up 8-7, but the Chiefs knotted it at 8-8 in the bottom of the inning when Kyle Gring walked and eventually scored on an RBI hit by Brad Barath.

West Bloomfield scored two in the top of the ninth, but Canton came back with two of its own on three straight hits from Kevin Delapaz, Matt Baryliski and Gring and a squeeze bunt off the bat of Neu.

The Lakers won the marathon with two runs in the top of the 10th.

Delapaz, a freshman, made a pair of spectacular defensive plays for the Chiefs. In the eighth, he went horizontal to rob the Lakers' lead-off batter of an extra-base hit, and in the ninth he chased down an overthrow and pegged out the runner at second base.

Pacing the Chiefs' 12-hit attack were Delapaz (3-for-5), Gring (2-for-5, two

PLEASE SEE BASEBALL, B2

Sidelines

PCS boys lacrosse alumni game

Former Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse players are encouraged to take their sticks out of the closet and participate in the 2nd Annual PCS Boys Lacrosse Alumni Game, which is set for June 1 at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth High School junior varsity stadium.

The game will pit current players against former ones. Ex-Warriors who are planning on playing in the game are urged to call former Booster Club board members Nina Smithpeters at (734) 981-3290; or Stephanie Saia at (734) 453-6914 so that they can be recognized at the event.

Former PCS lacrosse players who are defending the United States in the Middle East will be honored at the alumni game.

Holes-in-one

The following local individuals have registered a hole-in-one recently:

■ Plymouth resident Keith Rolston scored a hole-in-one on the 117-yard seventh hole of the Strategic Fox Course at Fox Hills in Plymouth Township May 3. Rolston, 64, used a seven iron to record his ace. He carded a nine-hole round of 38.

■ Plymouth resident Jerry Hart aced the 185-yard eighth hole on the Fox Hills #3 course May 14. Hart, 66, used a five wood and fired a 38 for the round.

■ Plymouth resident Danny Freels used a seven iron to record a hole-in-one on the 140-yard seventh hole of the Fox Hills Golden Fox May 17. Freels carded an 86 for his 18-hole round.

■ Joy Whipple of Canton registered a hole-in-one on the 78-yard fourth hole on the Fox Hills Strategic Fox Course May 19. The 23-year-old Whipple used a pitching wedge and carded a nine-hole round of 43.

In search of slo-pitch sluggers

If you know of an elite slo-pitch softball power hitter who resides in Plymouth or Canton — or you are one yourself — contact Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright at (734) 953-2108 or ewright@hometownlife.com. Wright would like to interview the big hitters for a future feature story.

Canton Chiefs baseball camp

The 2007 Canton Chiefs Baseball Camp is currently accepting applications. The camp will be held June 18-23 at the Canton varsity baseball facility. The camp will begin each day at 9:30 a.m. and run until 1 p.m.

The camp's \$100 fee includes a T-shirt and lunch each day for the campers.

Registration forms can be obtained by contacting Debbie Neu at (734) 454-9144; or by visiting the team's Web site: www.cantonchiefsbaseball.com

BASEBALL

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runs, RBI), Neu (1-for-4, two RBI), Stoney (2-for-4, RBI, run, two walks) and Paden (two-run triple).

STEVENSON 8, PLYMOUTH 3: Andy Jones went 3-for-4, including a homer and two RBI Wednesday to give Livonia Stevenson (20-11) the victory over the host Wildcats (12-13-1) in a game between divisional runners-up in the WLAA.

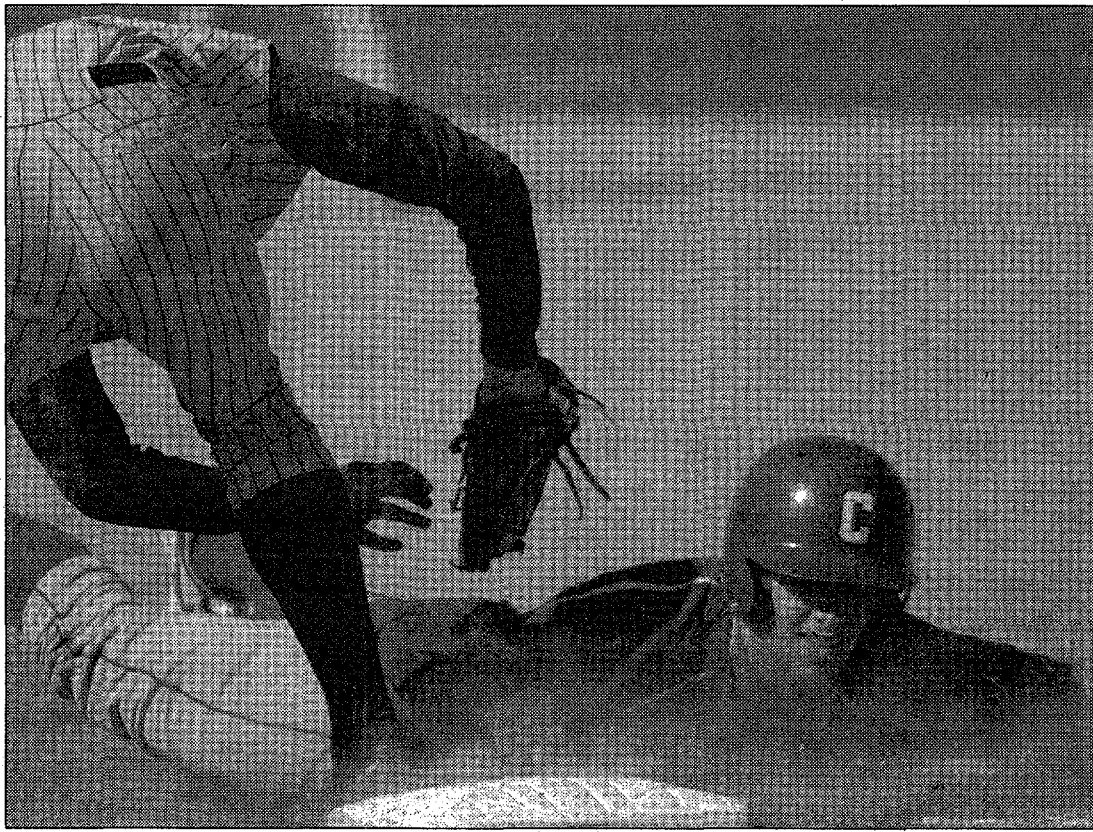
Stevenson senior pitcher Matt Tuttle improved to 8-0-1 on the season with a complete-game.

He struck out nine, walked six and allowed three runs on seven hits.

Losing pitcher Garrett Rebin, a junior, allowed eight runs on 10 hits in 5.1 innings.

He struck out four and walked three.

Other hitting standouts for the victorious Spartans included Sam Vomastek (2-for-3; three RBI) and Nick Plinka (2-for-4; two RBI).



Canton second baseman Brad Barath, pictured above diving back to first to avoid a pick-off attempt in a game earlier this season, had a key hit in the Chiefs' 12-10 setback to West Bloomfield Friday afternoon.

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Brad Lineberry went 3-for-3 with a double for Plymouth. David Harvey added two hits, including a double, and two RBI, while Matt Priebe went 2-for-3.

Southpaws lead Chiefs over Rocks

A pair of Canton southpaws "left" it all on the field during Wednesday's Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over game against Salem.

In a contest played in 88-degree heat on the Chiefs' diamond, Canton prevailed 5-2 thanks to a 4-for-4 performance at the plate from left-handed hitting lead-off batter Kyle Gring and a 10-strikeout/zero walk complete-game effort from lefty hurler Erik Wright.

The Chiefs improved to 14-13-1 while the Rocks slipped to 10-19.

Gring, a senior outfielder, nearly hit for the cycle as he homered, tripled and singled twice. The perfect day at the plate upped Gring's batting average to .465.

Wright, who improved to 6-2, scattered five hits -- all in the first four innings. He struck out four of the final six batters he faced and was aided by a slick Ryan Neu-to-Brad Barath-to-Will Tidwell 6-4-3 double play in the sixth.

Right-hander Chris Kordick suffered the mound loss for the Rocks after giving up three runs in three innings. He was relieved by senior left-handed pitcher Brad Way, who yielded just four hits over the final four frames.

Salem grabbed a 1-0 lead in the top of the third when Kyle Powell's one-out single plated Heath Parling, who had singled and advanced to third on an

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error. After the next batter reached on an error, Wright escaped further trouble by notching two straight K's.

Canton's countered with three in the bottom of the third. Gring led off with a triple and scored on Neu's perfectly placed bunt single. Dan Milus then singled and he and Neu moved up a base on a wild pitch before Dan Stoney ripped a two-run single to make it 3-1.

The Rocks cut their deficit to 3-2 in the fourth when Mike Myers singled, stole second and scored on Kyle Bricker's single. Gring then doubled Canton's lead in the bottom of the fourth with a solo blast over the center-field fence.

The Chiefs added an insurance run in the sixth when Stoney's suicide-squeeze bunt scored Matt Barylski, who led off the inning with a single.

for Canton, Stoney finished 1-for-2 with three RBI and a walk; senior catcher Blaine Paden was 1-for-2 with a walk and Tidwell reached twice on a walk and hit-by-pitch.

Way was the lone Rock to reach base twice. He singled in the second and was hit by a pitch in the sixth.

Zinn brothers pace PCA victory

The Zinn brothers — junior Trevor and sophomore Brent — played key roles in Plymouth Christian Academy's 3-2 victory over Summit Academy Thursday afternoon.

Trevor Zinn earned a complete-game victory on the mound when he worked out of a seventh-inning jam and Brent Zinn chipped in with two RBI in the Eagles' win.

Summit, which is made up of home-schooled student-athletes from Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties, put runners on second and third and one out in the top of the seventh inning before Trevor Zinn induced a strikeout and groundout.

"Trevor pitched a great game," said PCA coach Kurt Johnston. "He really got some clutch outs for us late in the game."

"Our team is improving and getting better every time we go out there. Hopefully, we're peaking at the right time."

The Eagles scored single runs in the first, second and third innings. Summitt pushed across single runs in the sixth and seventh. Mitch Geracz, Josh Lohman, Chuck Cane and Reid Barber contributed key hits to the PCA cause.

Pairings set for District tourneys

The District 27 baseball and softball brackets have been released for the two-day tournament that will include Plymouth, Canton and Salem on May 29 and June 2.

In the baseball competition, Plymouth will square off against host Livonia Stevenson on Tuesday, May 29, at 4:30 p.m. The winner will take on Salem, which drew a first-round bye, in a semifinal matchup set for Saturday, June 2, at 12:30 p.m.

On the other side of the brackets, Livonia Churchill and Livonia Franklin will play a pre-district contest on May 29 at 2:30 p.m. The winner will take on Canton, which drew a first-round bye, in a semifinal game set for June 2 at 10 a.m.

The championship game will be played June 2 at 3 p.m.

In the softball tournament, Plymouth will take on host Stevenson on May 29 at 2:30 p.m.

The victor will battle Salem, which drew a first-round bye, in a semifinal clash set for June 2 at 10 a.m.

On the other side of the brackets, Churchill and Franklin will square off in a pre-district showdown on May 29 at 4:30 p.m.

The winner will tangle with Canton, which drew a first-round bye, in a semifinal game set for June 2 at noon.

The championship tilt will commence at 2 p.m.

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Salem softball team edges Canton in 1-0 pitchers' duel

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Thanks to its 1-0 triumph over Canton Wednesday afternoon, Salem's softball team will be armed with two essential ingredients heading into next week's Division 1 District tournament -- momentum and confidence.

Infused by the four-hit pitching of senior right-hander Melissa Leach, the Rocks earned their first victory over the cross-campus Chiefs since the spring of 2004. Leach walked one and struck out two. Her counterpart, Canton starter Hilary Payne, was also brilliant, yielding just three hits and one walk while striking out six.

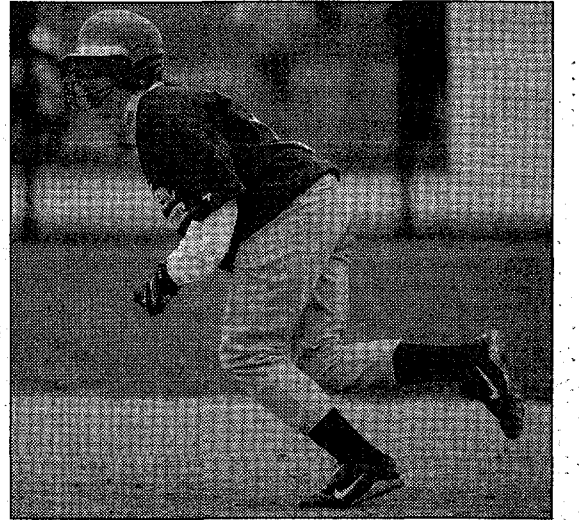
"All four of my seniors wanted this win bad because only one, Kait McKinley (who made the varsity as a freshman in 2004), had ever been on a team that had beaten Canton," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "The other three wanted to make sure they didn't graduate without accomplishing a win over Canton."

"Melissa was as focused as I've seen her in a long time. She has pitched a lot in the last couple of weeks, but she managed to dig deep and give us a great game."

The contest's only run came in the second when Emily Pitcole reached on a one-out error. Pinch-runner Mary Johnson then moved to second on a wild pitch and scored on Amanda Emmons' deep triple that rolled to the fence.

The Rocks' defense stepped up on several occasions, according to Southerland, who praised the play of outfielders Liz Thomas and Christina Parsons.

"Liz stole a hit from Canton's (Rachel) Beaudoin in the fifth and in the sixth, with runners on first and second, Christina made a shoe-string catch then doubled off the runner at first," said Southerland.



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Salem's Liz Thomas, pictured above in a game earlier this season, played a key role in the Rocks' 1-0 victory over Canton Wednesday.

The game ended with another stellar defensive effort by the Rocks when catcher Emily Pitcole threw out Mary Kate McWhirter trying to steal second base.

"This was a big win for the girls, and especially for the seniors," said Southerland. "They had their minds on a victory and they did exactly what they set out to do -- prove they are a great team and win the game."

"We were patient at the plate today and we didn't chase the junk. And I can't say enough about the defense. It was unstoppable."

Salem improved to 17-15 and 9-8 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

It finished third in the Lakes Division with a 6-4 mark.

Wildcats edge Vikings, 3-1

Plymouth's softball team wrapped up its regular season Wednesday with a 3-1 victory over Walled Lake Central in a WLAA cross-over game played on the Vikings' home field.

The win earned the 22-5 Wildcats a measure of momentum heading into next week's Division 1 District tournament at Livonia Stevenson.

Plymouth had fallen to Central, 8-3, one day earlier in a make-up contest.

All of the game's scoring came in the first

inning. Plymouth's runs came when Kim Klonowski singled in Beth Heldmeyer, who had doubled. Freshman Stacey Klonowski later drilled a two-run double.

Plymouth junior pitcher Megan Patterson improved to 16-4 by tossing a five-hitter at the Vikings.

Central pitcher Kathy Hardy limited the Wildcats to just four hits, two of which came off the bat of Stacey Klonowski.

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Are we too OK with being overweight?

The health club industry took a survey of average Americans and found 74 percent feel just fine about their weight, and are not worried about getting enough exercise.

However, federal figures say 64 percent of Americans are overweight, and most do not exercise enough to benefit their health. This means many people have accepted being overweight and inactive to be the norm.



Linda Aubuchon

Many feel satisfied with their health, when in fact they should be concerned.

Research shows overweight people rack up more health-care costs during their lifetime than those who are not overweight (mainly due to illnesses caused by excess weight). The survey discovered three main attitudes of non-exercisers. One group recognized the benefits of exercise, but didn't feel guilty about being sedentary.

This group wished there was a "magic pill" that would give them the benefits without the effort.

Another group also recognized the benefits, but just cannot stay motivated enough to commit to routine exercise. This group feels guilty when they aren't active. The third group feels regular exercise is unnecessary for their health.

If you fall in one of these groups, it's time to face facts. You don't have to like it, but you do have to accept it. Exercise is essential for successful and permanent weight loss. There's just no way around that fact.

If you've already picked up exercise as part of your weight loss journey, kudos to you. However, you might get frustrated from time to time when you hit a plateau, especially when you're exercising regularly and following a sensible diet.

This is normal, so try not to be tempted to give up. Sometimes your exercise routine just needs a little boost. One way you can maximize your weight loss results through exercise is by pushing yourself a little bit more. When you do the same exercise for more than three months, you might get stuck. Have you noticed how much easier completing your exercise routine may have gotten? This is because your body's metabolism may have adjusted to your routine.

Challenging yourself can give your exercise routine and metabolism a boost. Try pushing yourself to work out five minutes longer, getting an extra 10-minute session in daily, or moving a little faster than usual.

You should not push yourself in all areas at once (to avoid injury). One week you can work an increasing duration. You can work on increasing intensity a little on another week. Also, you can try to find new activities to participate in that can get you excited, re-motivated, and working out different muscles.

A little push is all you may need to give your metabolism a boost and see the pounds start to come off again.

Speaking of metabolism, have you ever used or heard the excuse, "I can't keep the weight off because I have a slow metabolism"? Some people are believers of the set-point theory, the idea some people are destined to regain lost weight because their bodies lower their metabolic rate after weight loss, causing them to regain weight.

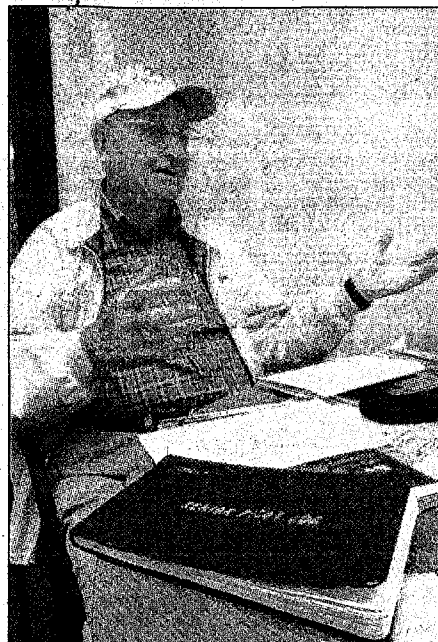
The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition showed research findings that the metabolic rates of overweight women were identical to those who are not overweight and do not have a tendency to gain weight.

This means people can ultimately be in control of their weight. Your metabolic rate will naturally decrease with weight loss. However, it will not continue to decrease once you have reached your goal weight and begin to consume more calories again. In fact, your metabolic rate adjusts to the change in body composition and an intake of sufficient calories consumed to maintain goal weight.

The study showed that women maintaining their weight loss had similar metabolic rates to women who did not have a weight problem.

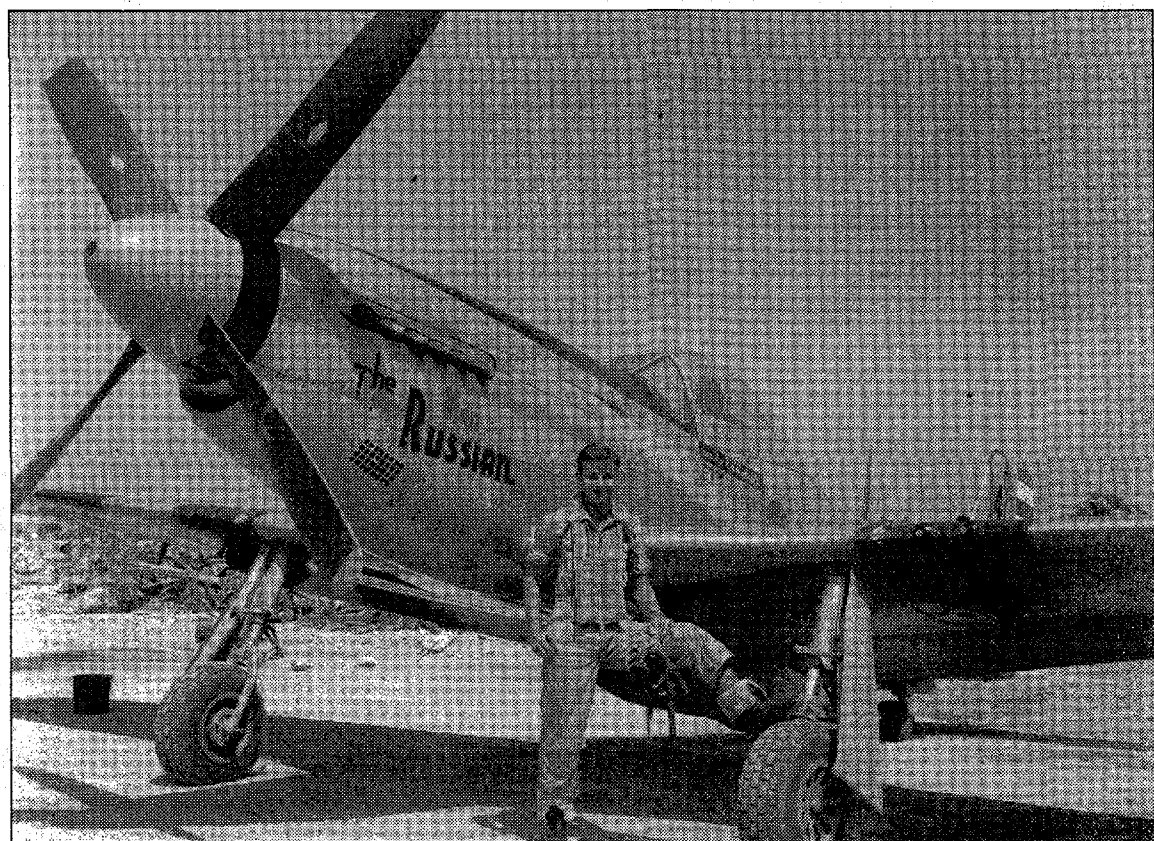
Therefore, weight regain is most likely not a result of abnormal metabolism, but the result of a return to unhealthy eating habits and inactivity. So if you're ever tempted to blame your metabolism when you begin to put pounds back on, you may want to examine your eating behaviors and activity level instead.

Linda Aubuchon owns Diet Center in Canton, a provider of personalized, one-on-one weight loss solutions. You can e-mail her at Linda@DietCenterofCanton.com or call (734) 414-9200.



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Ruben Wayne Macy (formerly Moskalo) talks about his days as a fighter pilot in World War II. In the foreground is the log of missions he flew during that time.



Ruben Wayne Macy (formerly Moskalo) flew this P-51 Mustang during World War II. He named it The Mad Russian because of his heritage.

Honoring heroes

Flights program shows appreciation for WWII veterans

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Tears come to Louis Gill's eyes as he talks about the day American soldiers liberated him from a German camp for prisoners of war 16 months after he parachuted from a B-17 which had been hit by enemy machine gun fire.

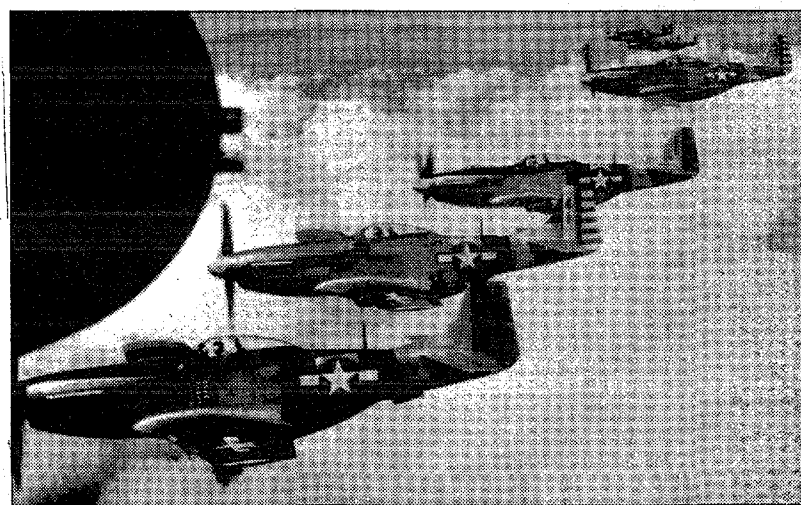
Veterans of World War II fought and gave their lives to preserve American freedoms. Men like Gill came back wounded, physically and mentally, but happy to be back in the states. Since 1951, Gill has made his home in Livonia.

"It was like being reborn again," said Gill, 85. "It gives you a whole new appreciation for being an American, having all the food you want. We were constantly hungry. Usually all we talked about was food." Gill weighed 113 pounds

when he arrived in the states after World War II. He was a healthy 185 pounds upon enlisting in the Army Air Corps in February 1942. Although Gill joined with the intention of becoming a pilot, he took on the much-needed roles of bombardier and navigator. Today, Gill still suffers with headaches caused by flak that couldn't be removed surgically. The metal foreign objects recently set off security machines at Detroit Metropolitan Airport when Gill and a group of veterans took a one-day trip to see the National World War II Memorial dedicated in 2004 in Washington, D.C.

LAUDING SACRIFICE

The Pride and Honor Flights program was founded by Faye and Jack Wiseley to honor the veterans' sacrifices. Gill was on a mission to bomb a jet factory



This photograph shows P-51s in formation in the Pacific Theater. Ruben Wayne Macy (formerly Moskalo) is flying No. 43.

about to be brought online when he was shot several times. It wasn't until a month later that a cast was put on his broken leg. His family suffered as well, as Gill was listed as missing in action for a month after the Flying Fortress went down.

During captivity, he was moved several times to locations ranging from a convent to

the Stalag Luft III camp made famous by the Steve McQueen movie *The Great Escape*. It was there Gill shared a bunk and became friends with Tuskegee Airman Alexander Jefferson.

"We were always digging tunnels trying to escape," said Gill, who later married and raised

PLEASE SEE HEROES, C2

Golden paws

Dogs provide independence for people with disabilities

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Imagine if you couldn't hear an intruder breaking into your home or a smoke detector blaring a warning. Jane MacFarlane and Rhonda Kerr never got a good night's sleep until they received their Paws With a Cause dogs. Ukon lives with MacFarlane and her husband in Canton. Rhonda and Bill Kerr of Rochester Hills share Spring as Bill is deaf and Rhonda hard of hearing from birth.

MacFarlane and the Kerrs are among 2,000 recipients assisted by the trained animals since the nonprofit was founded in 1979. Since the three received dogs, they have worked to raise awareness about the independence Paws dogs bring to their owners.

On Friday, June 8, they're part of a planning committee for the first Voices of Independence benefit at the Troy Marriott. Tickets are \$100

and include a silent auction, dinner, cash bar, dancing, and speaker Sue Thomas, whose ability to read lips led to an undercover job with the F.B.I. Her adventures were dramatized in the PAX-TV series, *Sue Thomas: F.B. Eye*. Thomas lost her hearing as a child.

Patron tickets are \$150 and include an earlier reception 6-7 p.m. with food and the opportunity to meet Thomas.

For tickets, call PAWS Southeastern Michigan regional office in Auburn Hills at (248) 844-5656.

It costs about \$18,000 to train one dog.

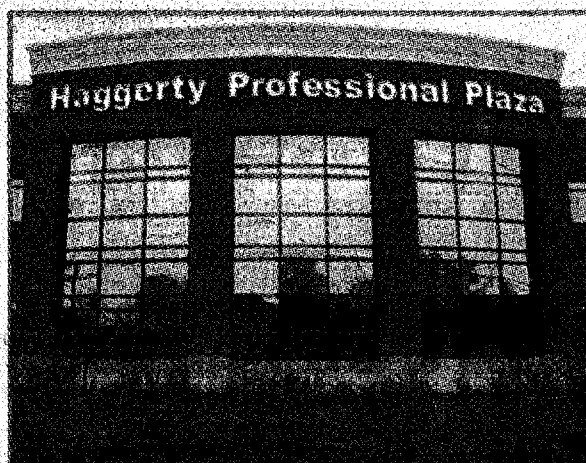
GREAT FULFILLMENT

"How do you explain the fulfillment they give you," said Jane MacFarlane, whose nerve deafness was detected at an early age by her mother. MacFarlane graduated from Birmingham



Jane MacFarlane and Ukon demonstrated his abilities at the Detroit Kennel Club Dog Show at Cobo Center. One of his tasks was to alert the hard-of-hearing Canton woman to a door bell.

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HEROES

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two children, a son, John, and daughter, Susan Baker Gill is still active as a member of Disabled American Veterans and is writing his memoirs.

On Memorial Day, Ruben Wayne Macy (formerly Moskaloff) will attend a breakfast and service at Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport to remember those servicemen who never returned.

Macy volunteers at the museum where he learned about the Pride and Honor Flights to visit the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. The 84-year old Livonia resident was a fighter pilot in the 34th Army Air Force, 348th Fighter Group, 341st Blackhawk fighter squadron. He flew the P-47 Thunderbolt and P-51 Mustang in the Pacific Theater. Macy completed 154 combat missions and was recommended by the 341st Fighter Squadron Headquarters in a letter dated Aug. 24, 1945, to receive a Distinguished Flying Cross, but never received it even though he contacted government officials.

Bob Jackson, a spokesman for U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, said the office has been working for the past two years to help Macy receive his medal. He said letters have been sent to the Air Force and the Pentagon trying to verify details of Macy's career. Jackson said McCotter's office is always interested in helping veterans receive the recognition they deserve.

PROUD TO SERVE

I made captain a month after my 22nd birthday," said Macy who enlisted in September 1942 at age 19.

Macy grew up making model airplanes and longing to fly. His family was poor during the Depression, but still managed to buy a pair of silver wings for 75 cents at Selfridge for Macy's 12th birthday.

Macy flew missions until the war ended in August 1945. He first landed in New Guinea in April 1944.

"I was the first one in the group to solo or fly alone," said Macy. "I had the highest physical fitness rating. I practically lived at the Y."

Macy has written 13 stories about his war experiences as part of his memoirs. Some of the stories have been published in *Friends Journal*, a quarterly magazine by the Air Force Museum Foundation. After the war, he earned an engineering degree from the University of Detroit and raised a family of three children. He's lived in Livonia since 1960.

"We were in Sidor, New Guinea, on what came to be known as Black Sunday April 16, 1945," said Macy. "The weather closed in so bad about 37 aircraft were lost, more than 50 men were killed or missing in action. That day was my first mission. I landed just before the weather closed in."

Macy's luck held throughout the war. One of the incidents that he "can't get out of his mind" was blind landing a P-51 Mustang. Macy was testing a plane which had just been repaired.

Suddenly, oil covered the entire canopy. Macy couldn't see anything except for an area about the size of a playing card. He dropped the nose down with oil pouring out and covering the entire fuselage, but was able to land safely.

Missions were even more dangerous because he was actively engaging Japanese planes in warfare. He tells of

leading a flight of four ships and approaching the target to find he couldn't drop bombs electronically. He had to circle around and drop them manually. On the return flight, a Japanese plane flew into a cloud and came out just below Macy whose guns wouldn't fire.

It was a frightening time until another American plane shot the Japanese plane down instead.

The Wiseleys recently began taking veterans to the new memorial to show appreciation for the men's bravery. The retired Whitmore Lake couple has scheduled three more flights this year.

"We've taken men from Detroit and Bloomfield Hills on the flights," said Faye Wiseley. "They're passing away at 1,200 to 1,500 a day so there's an urgency."

"They are so appreciative of the attention. They go on for weeks after we get back about how wonderful it was. If you can bring that kind of happiness it's worth doing over and over."

So far, the nonprofit has not turned down any veteran's application for the flight but funds and volunteers are needed to continue the trips scheduled for July 7, Oct. 13, and Veterans Day Nov. 11. To help, call (734) 426-8931. Veterans can also apply for a flight by calling this number.

"We need people for fund raising," said Wiseley. "Our next flight is July 7, and we have 100 already. We take two buses with only 57 in a bus. When we get to D.C. more than that is hard to handle. We don't want anybody to fall or get hurt. Some are on oxygen. We try to take medical professionals on each trip."

"We can't say no. What if they're not here next spring."

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Bill and Rhonda Kerr of Rochester Hills share Spring, their hearing service dog from PAWS With a Cause.

DOGS

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Seaholm High School.

"He alerts me to the door bell and fire. Because of his ability, I don't walk in front of a car. He hears them."

Because of Ukon, MacFarlane is able to serve on the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns to which she was appointed by former Gov. John Engler. When she isn't up in Lansing, MacFarlane is speaking or giving demonstrations with Ukon at public events such as the Detroit Kennel Club Show at Cobo Center in March. She is also part of the Council for Disability Concerns at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Each October, the council presents Dogs on the Diag to raise awareness.

Ukon performs a variety of tasks besides alerting her to the phone. The two-year wait for the golden retriever was worth it. Paws provided training in her home and in public three times a week after MacFarlane received Ukon in September 2005.

Volunteer Puppy Raisers, otherwise known as Foster Parents, begin taking the dogs into malls and stores as early as 11 weeks to socialize them. Then at the age of 15 to 18 months the dogs receive formal training at the Paws headquarters in Wayland, south of Grand Rapids.

WORKING DOGS

"He does things he wasn't

trained for like stopping at the corner, he puts his head in front of her leg," said MacFarlane. "Ukon loves working."

Rhonda Kerr calls Spring "our hero." She is the Kerrs' second hearing service dog.

"She helps us feel more secure at home and in public," said Rhonda Kerr, who attended a hearing impaired school in Bloomfield Hills from eighth grade. Today Kerr is a specification analyst at General Motors. Bill is an engineer for GM Powertrain at the Milford Power Grounds.

"She's a very smart dog. She doesn't bark at all. She comes to us and puts one paw on our leg and then takes us to the phone or timer where the sound is. We have an 11-year-old son David who was putting on his football equipment in his room on the second floor and was stuck and we couldn't hear him. Spring comes down and finds one of us. She takes us upstairs and find David stuck in his shoulder pads. If he should fall in the shower, she would alert us."

"It would be hard without her. My husband used to go on business trips a lot and I was alone. I rely on her if someone's at the door. One time Randi, our first dog, was at my husband's parents' house. Someone was trying to break into the dining room window. Randi kept going back and forth to the parents. They found out the next morning the next-door neighbor was robbed. Many people don't realize what a dog can do."

Sue Brooks knows how impor-

tant an assistance dog is for a person with disabilities. She started raising puppies as a volunteer 15 years ago. In 2002, she retired from her job at the YMCA in Farmington to become Paws Southeast Michigan Development representative.

CHANGING LIVES

"We change people's lives every day forever one assistance dog at a time," said Brooks. "We train and certify service dogs for people with physical disabilities, hearing dogs for hard of hearing or deaf, seizure response dogs for people with seizure disorders, and a limited number of guide dogs who are service-guide combinations for a person with MS who might become blind, and combinations of all of these."

"One of our clients with Parkinson's disease was a school administrator and went out on disability six years ago. Her niece saw a presentation in school about Paws. The client got her dog in 2005 and returned back to middle school as a counselor."

Candy and Mike Sapp started Paws as Ears for the Deaf after a friend who was hard of hearing asked Mike to train a dog. Word soon spread that Mike could teach dogs to alert people with hearing disabilities to sounds. Within three years the name of the nonprofit was changed to Paws With a Cause.

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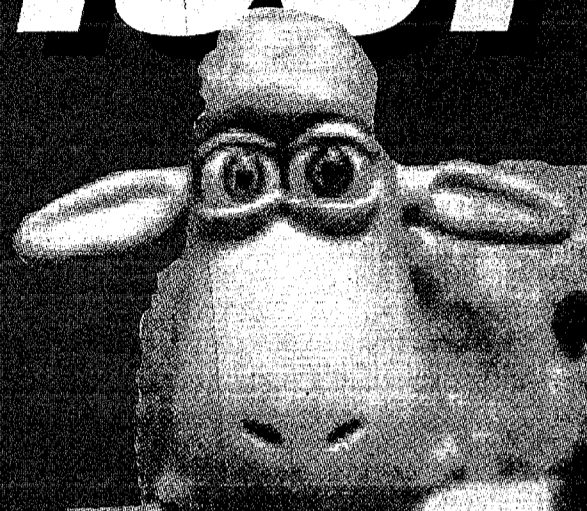
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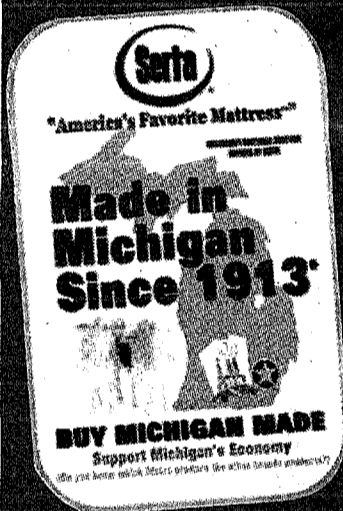
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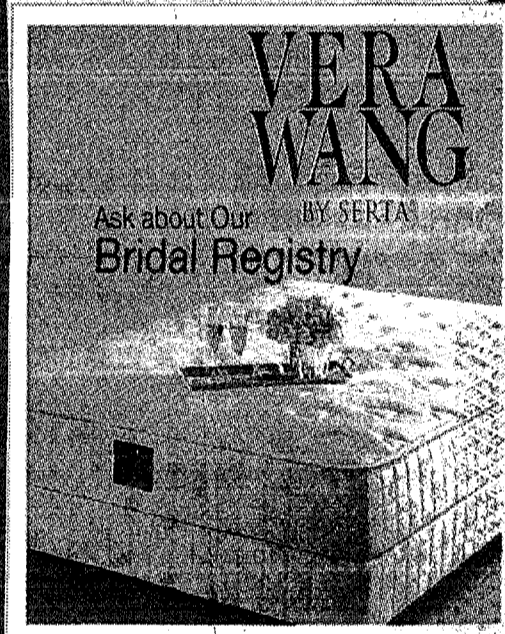
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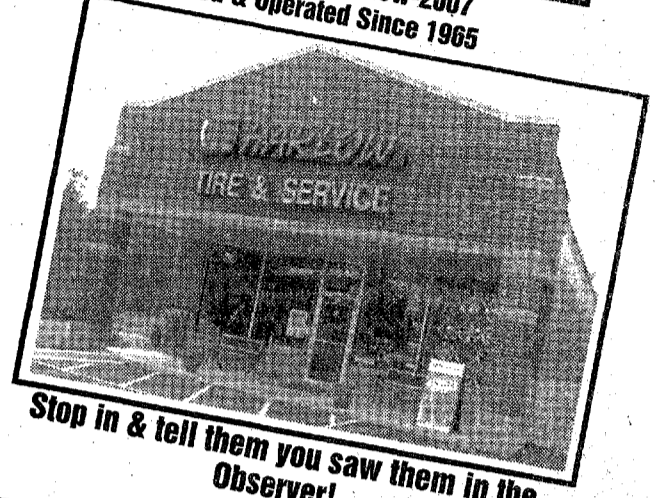


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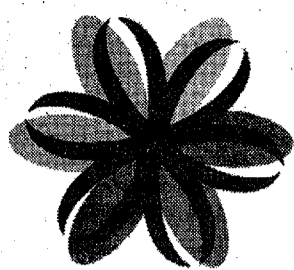
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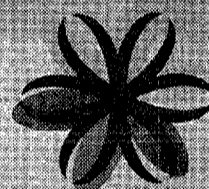
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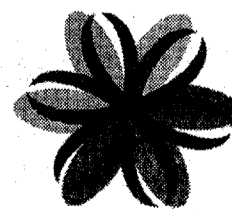
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Breast cancer

25 years of advances in treatment

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Early detection is still the best defense against breast cancer, according to Dr. David Bouwman, director of the Alexander J. Walt Comprehensive Breast Center at Karmanos Cancer Institute, and professor of surgery at Wayne State University.

While 25 years of advances in treating breast cancer have led to less invasive treatments, it is the combination of research and education programs which have lowered mortality rates. The early discovery of tumors dramatically improves chances of survival.

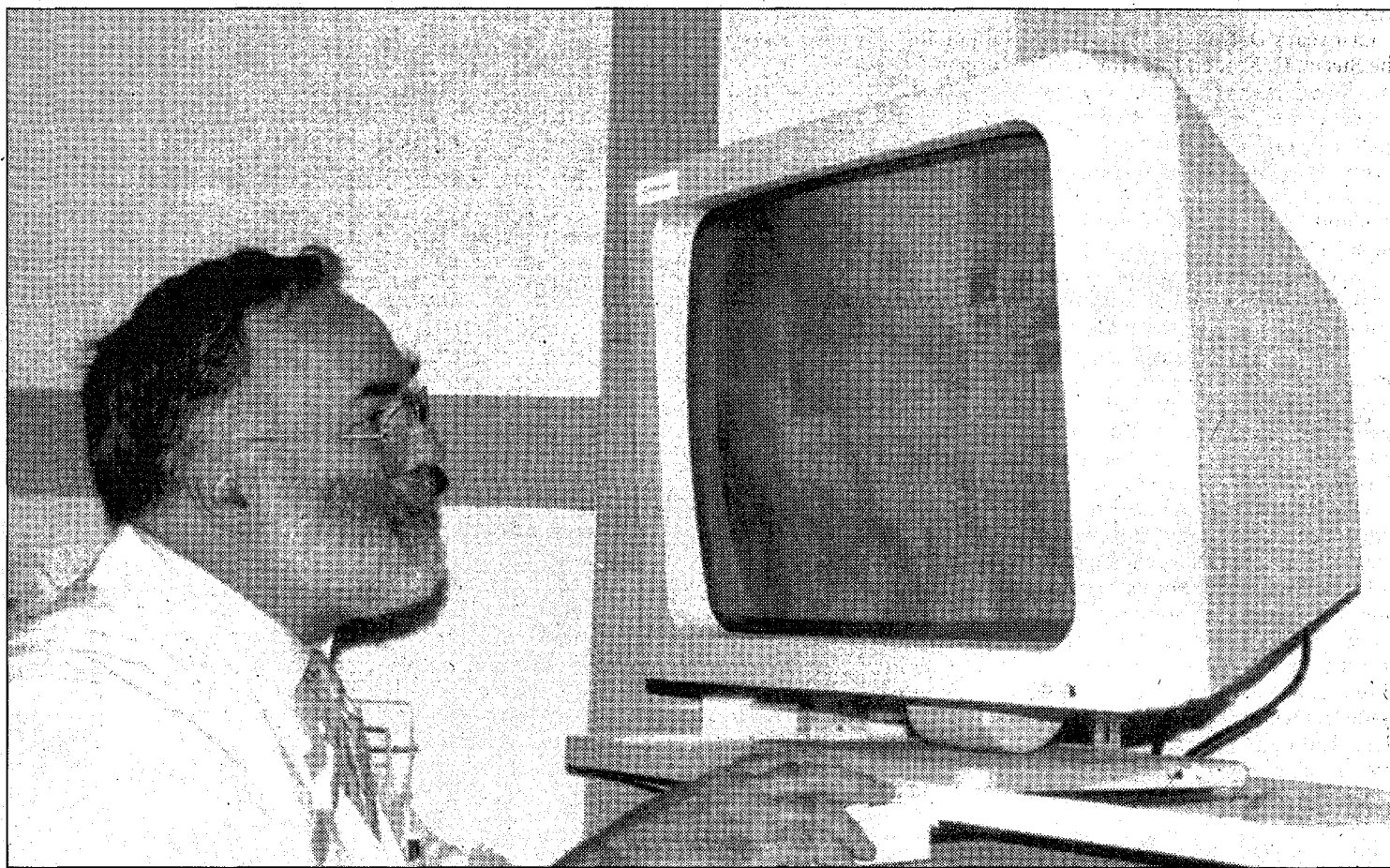
"I remember being a medical student back in the late 1960s at Johns Hopkins University, the home institute of William Halsted, the father of American breast surgery. His contribution was the radical mastectomy (developed in the late 1800s). We were still doing those routinely in the 1960s," said Bouwman, who's been treating breast cancer patients since entering practice in 1978. "The surgical treatment of breast cancer has evolved through reduction of the amount of surgery. We went from radical mastectomy to modified radical mastectomy where we no longer removed muscle. Today we believe lumpectomy, removing only the tumor, and radiation on the breast works just as well but can't be accomplished in all cases. With early diagnosis it's likely we can do the smaller surgery."

The evolution in surgery paralleled the theory of breast cancer.

PREVENTING SPREAD

"We now believe in the embolic theory that fairly early breast cancer can throw seeds and colonize other areas of the body," said Bouwman. "When I explain this to patients I use the dandelion theory. If you find a dandelion and take it out, it solves the problem if you take it out before it goes to seed. You solve the problem by putting a weed killer on the lawn. In breast cancer after the seeds have flown, it's important to treat the whole person with systemic treatments. The major role of chemotherapy is to stop the emergence of seeds. We give chemo to prevent that from arising. It markedly reduces the risk that that will ever happen."

"A more recent development for systemic risk is estrogen manipulating drugs when a person's tumor is estrogen receptor positive, and a diagnostic test for HER 2-new (oncogene), a growth factor receptor on some tumor cells that allows them to be more receptive. This can then be blocked with Herceptin. Why is it so important to use these drugs? Most people get chemo to prevent. People die from breast cancer never because



Dr. David Bouwman says mammography is still the gold standard for diagnosing breast cancer early.

of what happens in the breast, but secondary to what happens to the seeds."

That's why it's important to detect and treat tumors as early as possible. Bouwman says, mammography is still the gold standard for diagnosing breast cancer.

"When you combine all of these things, it's driving the overall mortality of breast cancer below 20 percent. I regard this as an all-out success story. I believe this number would come down further if people would comply with screening guidelines. One of the arguments is when to start. The risk factor changes with age. A woman at 50 has twice the risk of a 40-year-old woman. I recommend talking with your physician. There are women who have risk factor for breast cancer in the family that I strongly suggest she should be on tight (annual) screening at 40 or before. It's not that breast cancer doesn't occur before the age of 40. A year doesn't go by that a teenager doesn't get breast cancer in the Detroit area."

LOWERING RISK

Women should take into consideration a number of factors to lower their risk for breast cancer.

"Estrogen use increases risk, using hormone replacement therapy indiscriminately to solve all problems will result in extra cases of breast cancer. If women are concerned about osteoporosis, there are other solutions to that. Speak with your

physician.

"List your family history. Tamoxifen and Raloxifene are used for reduction of risk if at an elevated risk.

"My advice for women is to maintain breast health. Maintaining breast health like most other aspects of life is not a one-time decision, but a set of habits, awareness and self-education like maintaining an automobile. You can't just go in and have the oil changed. You have to be aware of things. Because interventions and treatments are so effective it becomes more of a loss if people don't do that. We see patients who did everything right and still suffer the ravages of this disease. They can't believe there are women who aren't making the small effort to take care of themselves."

Bouwman says a woman should keep the lines of communication open with her health care provider and if she's not satisfied with the quality of care to get a second opinion.

"No one can insulate you against the risk of breast cancer, but more people die in automobiles than from breast cancer every year, but people don't garage their vehicles (and stop driving)," said Bouwman. "Do not be paralyzed or overly anxious. I tell my wife the same thing, to be responsible in her health maintenance and watch the quality of care of physicians."

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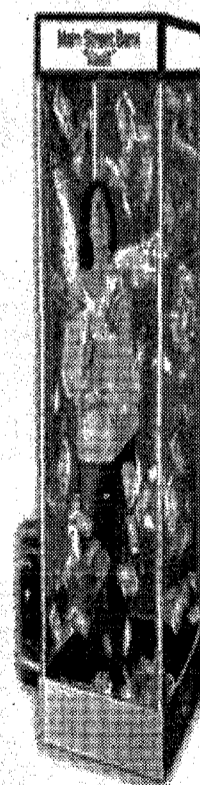
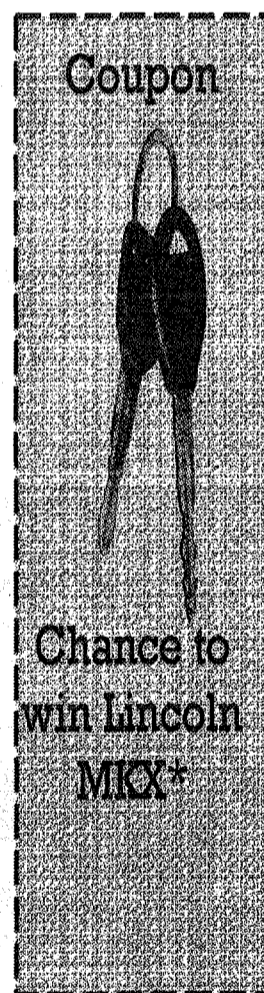
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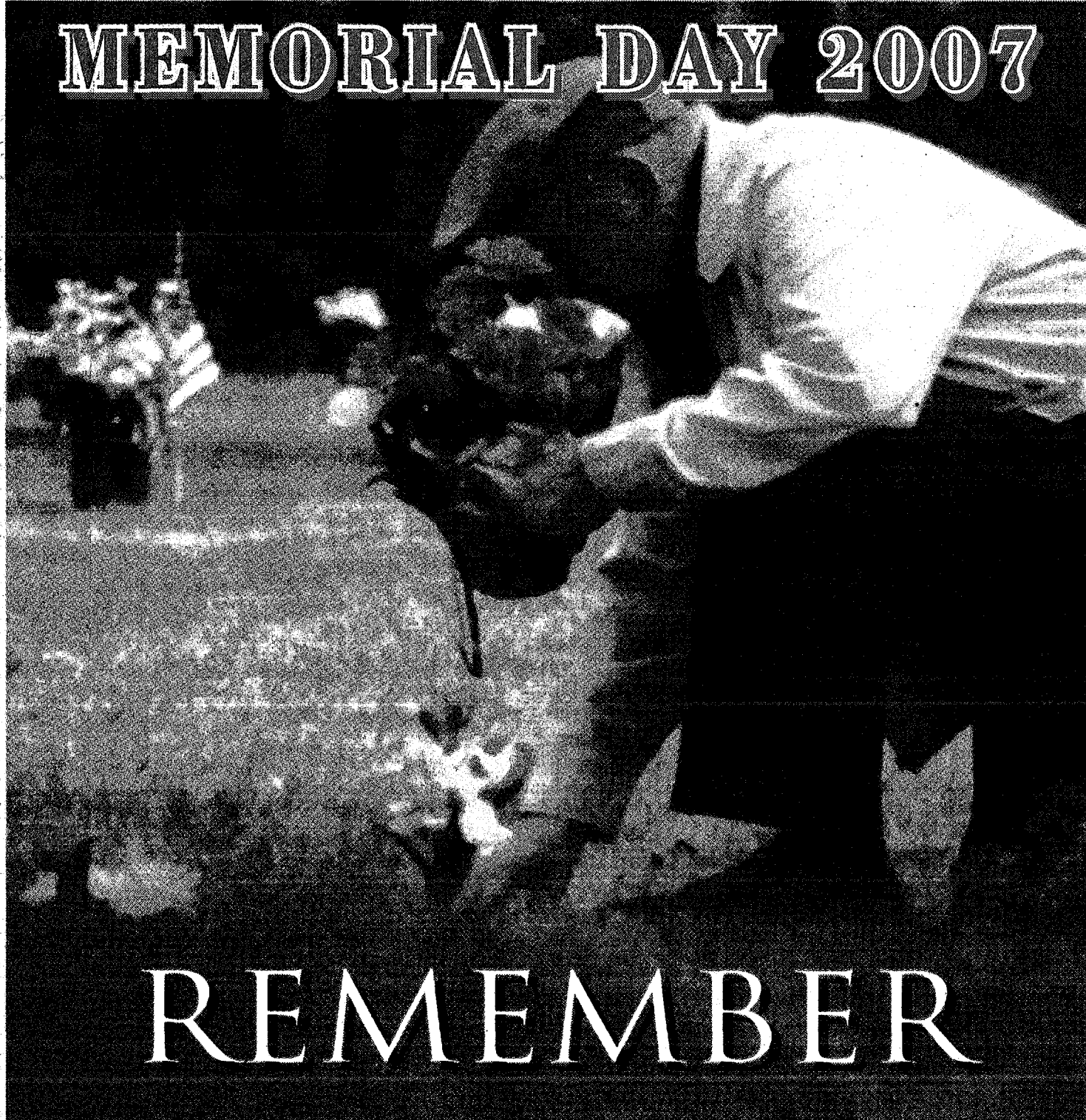
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NOW \$14,162^{37*}

REBATES UP TO \$2500

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NOW \$20,629^{90*}

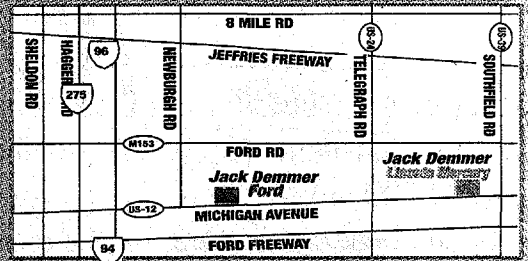
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New Homes



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Quimby, perfect for hard-to-fit lots

The Quimby (D3010) with its 1,422 square feet would be ideal as a starter home. It is compactly designed for those

hard-to-fit lots. It can have a full, unfinished basement, adding extra space for the future. It has a beautifully sim-

ple facade, accented by the arched covered porch entry.

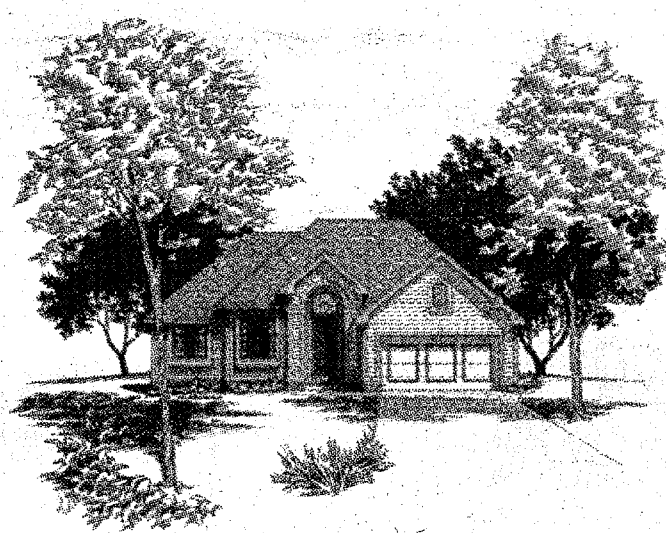
Opening the door to the Quimby brings one face-to-face with the large open great room. A closet and the stairs to the basement are located on the right. The great room has a huge fireplace on the rear wall, surrounded by large windows. The dining room is in the right rear corner with a door to the covered patio on the side. The kitchen forms a square with stove and cabinets on one side and the sink with a garden window and refrigerator on the other. The utility room is adjacent with a large storage closet and a door opening into the two-car garage. A large storage area is situated at the rear of the garage.

The left side of the Quimby is dedicated to the bedrooms. The master suite with a coffered ceiling is in the rear. A

large corner walk-in closet is on the right side and the master bath is on the left. Dual sinks, a corner shower and large spa tub with a window ledge complete the bath area.

Between the master suite and the other two bedrooms is another full bath with a tub. Bedroom 2 has a wall closet with a large window ledge on one end. Bedroom 3 is like Bedroom 2, however, there are a few unique features in this room. The ceiling is a 10-foot ceiling and there is an option of placing French doors on the wall that would open into the entry. This way, instead of have a third bedroom, this room could be used as an office, with easy access from the front door.

This home is so compact in its layout, but it has so much potential if the basement is added. Once finished, it could



have a huge family room, theater room, more bedrooms or whatever might be needed. The Quimby could be expanded as the family expanded and grew.

For a study plan of the Quimby (D3010), send \$15 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Rd. E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or call (800) 562-1151. Be sure to specify plan

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UNFIN BASEMENT: 1422 square feet
GARAGE: 586 square feet

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Real Estate pre-license class

Real Estate One will be holding pre-licensing classes from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. starting Monday, June 4. Call (800) 889-9001 to register.

Buying a home

Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union will offer a free Homebuyer Seminar 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 7, at the credit union, 36111 Five Mile, Livonia. Walk through the homebuying process and learn how to maximize your purchase with industry experts. All materials will be provided along with refreshments and door prizes. Reservations needed. Call Emma at (734) 432-0212, Ext. 301, or e-mail Eteller-cpfu@twim.r.com.

Learn about real estate

Real Estate One in Milford is hosting an evening pre-license class beginning June 11. It will be held three nights a week for three weeks. Call Vicki Ascherl at (248) 684-1065 to register; limited space available.

Seminars for pros

There will be free Verl Workman Seminars to help professionals focus on getting real, measurable results from technology tools. Learn the Internet habits of the shifting population and how to win consumer loyalty through e-mail. Seminars are 9 a.m. to noon, June 11, Livonia Radisson, and June 12, Sterling Inn. RSVP to enroll@startechseminars.com or (248) 208-3886. Sponsored by Obeo, Real Estate One, Max Brook, and

Johnstone and Johnstone.

Homebuying basics

Homebuying Seminar 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 12. This is for first-time buyers and those returning to home ownership. Subjects included: "Mortgage 101," "Renting vs. Buying," "Repairing a Leaking Budget," "Optimizing Your Credit Score" and "Finding the Right Realtor." Handouts will be available to take home. There will be time for questions. Location: VISTA Mortgage, 38777 Six Mile, Suite 114, Livonia (I-275 and Six Mile). RSVP to Mark Hutchins at (734) 432-2030.

Insurance experts

A June 14 meeting to hear local insurance experts discuss the state of the volatile insurance industry and

answer your insurance questions.

Presented by the Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland at 5:30-9:30 p.m. at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members, \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742.

Builder pre-license classes offered

Oakland Builders Institute is presenting a 16-hour comprehensive seminar to give students the help needed to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination.

The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building tradespeople who want to work legally in

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Seminars are offered at the following dates and locations:

A seminar is scheduled for Tuesday/ Thursday, June 19, 21, 26, 28, from 6-10 p.m. at Adams High School, 3200 Tienken Road, Rochester. The cost of the seminar is \$199 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions.

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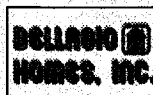
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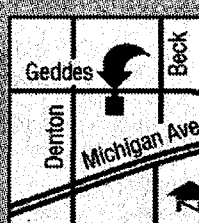
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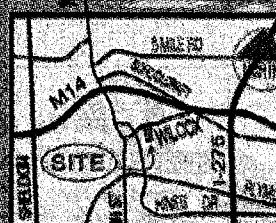
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31 MPG

2007 IMPALA
 3.5 V6, automatic overdrive, power windows, power locks, power seat, tilt, cruise, stereo CD, bucket seats. #1522. Was \$21,710
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 \$188 TOTAL DUE \$170 TOTAL DUE

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 \$193 TOTAL DUE \$172 TOTAL DUE

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 SUPPLIER PRICE TO ALL **\$27,566*** GM FAMILY PRICE **\$26,304***

2007 TAHOE LT 1 4x4
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 REBATE -2,500
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 Memorial Day Bonus -1,000
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SUPPLIER LEASE TO ALL 39 Mo. **\$306**** GM FAMILY LEASE 39 Mo. **\$285****
 \$306 TOTAL DUE \$285 TOTAL DUE

SUPPLIER LEASE TO ALL 39 Mo. **\$443**** GM FAMILY LEASE 39 Mo. **\$398****
 \$443 TOTAL DUE \$398 TOTAL DUE

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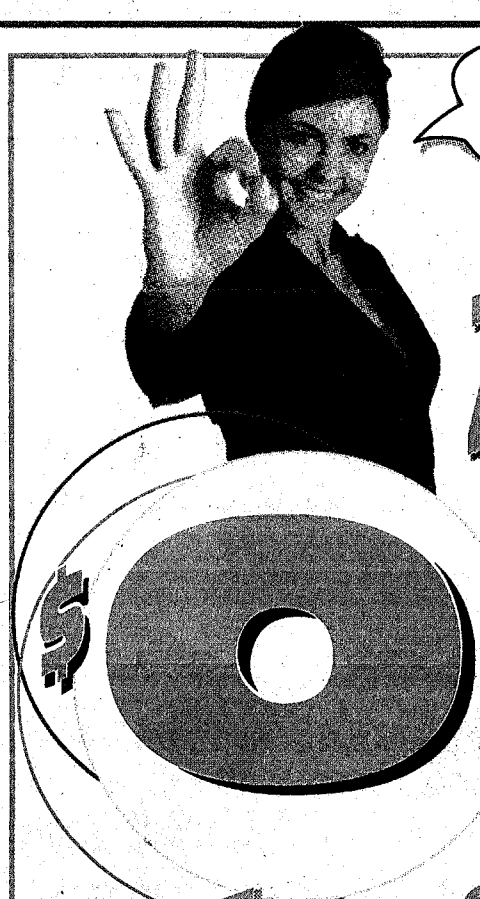
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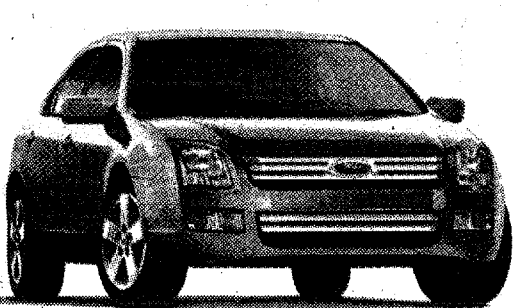


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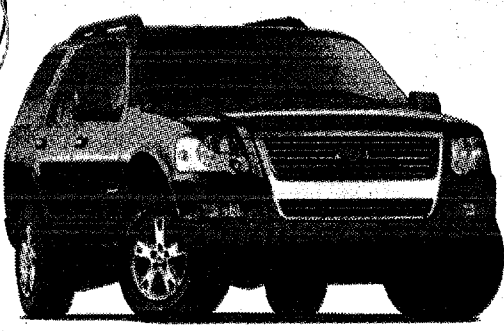


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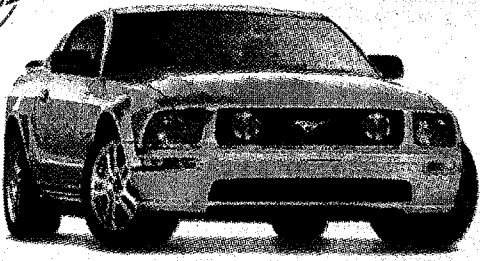


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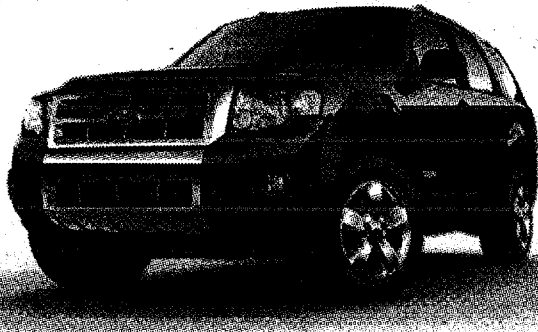


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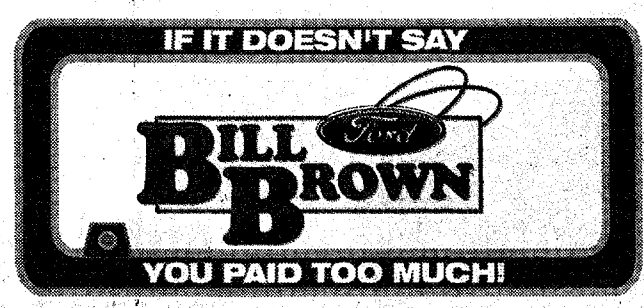
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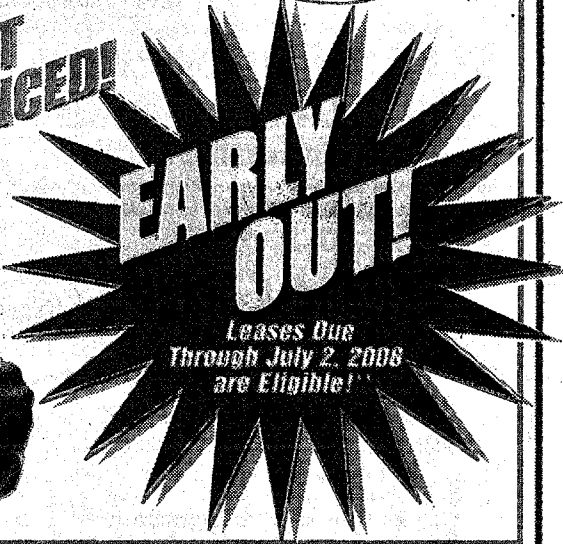


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Detroit-built Dodge Viper has some bite for 2008

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By Wendy Clem
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Creating anticipation by skipping the model release for 2007, Dodge has unveiled the much-salivated-for 2008 Viper SRT10, now coming — with renewed venom — to a showroom near you.

With its new 8.4-liter V10 engine delivering 600 horsepower and 560 foot pounds of torque, the ante for potency has been upped by 90. In addition, this baby goes from 0-to-60 miles per hour in under 4 seconds. Respectable. Even for soccer moms. But, with room for only two, it's doubtful many soccer moms have this car on their Want Lists, or their budgets.

With similar cars of 600 horsepower costing more than \$100,000, however, the projected 2008 Viper is expected to fall beneath six figures and be quite the bargain. The focus for this model was routed through racing specialists McLaren and Ricardo to crank up the displacement (from 8.3 liters), improve speed and air intake/output.

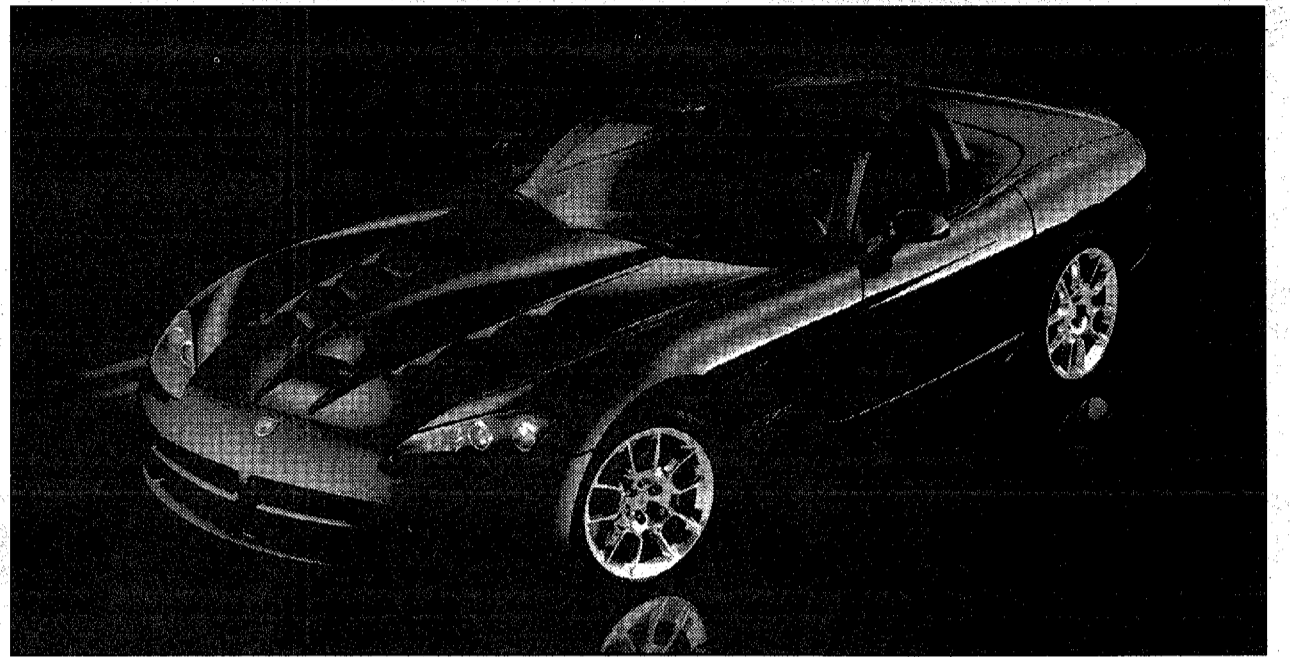
The Viper think tank centered on general oomph: advanced breathing, increased speed and greater displacement to meet those needs. The end result created upgrades and new strength in overall construction, as well as a better cooling system. That translates to more effectiveness on the road due to better timing, faster response and notable effectiveness.

As quickly as it accelerates, the Viper has equal efficacy in braking — stopping from 60 in less than 100 feet, and taking less than 13 seconds to progress from zero to 100, then back to zero. It can also reach speeds of up to 200 miles per hour.

In looks, the Viper's enlarged hood plays into the improved air features, appearing aggressive and tough while striking out on the road. Bigger louvers in 2008 allude to its power, as well as vent the considerable heat given off underneath them.

Other visual effects for 2008 include the availability of eight exterior shades, five of which are new: Viper Violet, Bright Blue, Venom Red, Viper Orange, and Snakeskin Green. Optional racing stripes are possible with six dual colors: red, blue, graphite, white, black and silver.

And, by expanding choices for interior colors to four, the opportunity now exists to customize the Viper appreciably.



With its first Viper appearing since 2006, Dodge has increased horsepower in the 2008 SRT10 to 600 and projects a bargain price compared to its six-figure competitors.

The cabin retains the original design, with leather bucket seats accented by suede and an instrument panel featuring the trademark big white-faced tachometer. Like its 2006 sibling, the new Viper comes in coupe and convertible trims (the Coupe and Roadster), and with the addition of three updated wheel designs in forged aluminum, consumers have even more choices now. The Coupe offers a bit more trunk space than the Roadster, with another 6.25 cubic feet, for a full 14.65 cubic feet of storage.

But it's not just beauty and brawn that the new version packs. Engineers also layered in better traction, upgraded maneuverability and tenacity. Security via remote keyless entry assists with locking and unlocking as well as interior lighting, and guarantees theft alarm coverage.

The wheels house pressure-sensitive modules within the valve stems that warn of too-low tire pressure and monitor through radio frequency signals to a receiver. Added safety measures come with the inclusion of advanced multi-stage front air bags with occupant classification system. That translates to inflation commensurate with any impact's severity, and the subsequent release of the passenger-side front air bag based on the weight of that passenger.

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through two hydro-formed coaxial tubes that work in concert to help prevent injury. Head-impact protection is afforded by shoulder-belt turning loops, interior pillars above the instrument panel and beltline, and windshield and rear window headers as well as roof and side rail structures.

Three-point shoulder and lap seatbelts further enhance passenger safety by also deferring impact energy. Knee bolsters were created by outfitting the front seat with a lower instrument panel and glove compartment door so that air bags can inflate properly.

With an engine that runs on 91 octane gasoline, Dodge hasn't definitively established gas mileage for city or highway, but product development predicts that when the numbers are in, they will exceed 12 per gallon city and 20 per gallon highway.

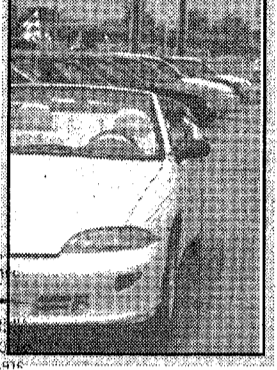
That blur you see on the highway, or even side street, carries some mighty venom, but it's a sure bet most of us want to be bitten.

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2008 Dodge Viper SRT10
Vehicle class: Sports car.
Power: 8.4-liter V10 engine.
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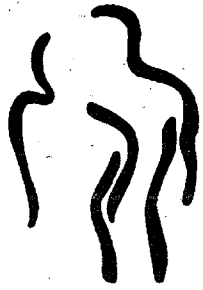
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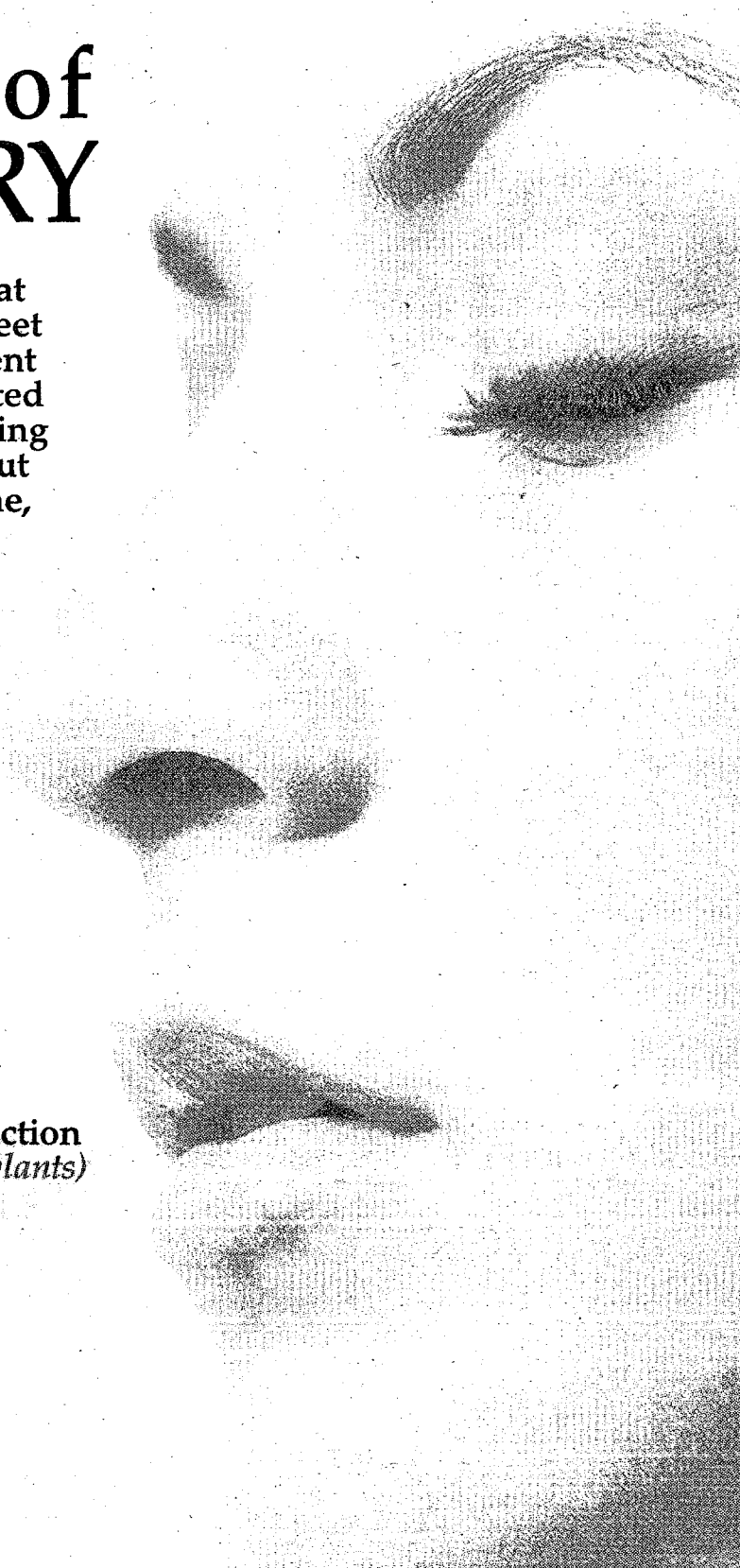
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OK readers, I have a confession to make. I've been fooling you for months and it's time you know the truth. The picture you see that runs with my column each month is me ... it's just the three years ago me, the me before baby.

In my head I'm still that me, but when I look in the mirror I see someone different. Someone I don't recognize. She is similar, just 20 pounds heavier with a belly that just won't go away. I know it may sound silly, but I really thought much of my belly would disappear once my baby was born. I thought I would have some work to do to lose a little pouch, but I never expected to still look pregnant 18 months after giving birth. For a while, I felt OK about carrying the extra weight because "I just had a baby" but, I think the time has come for me to stop using that as an excuse and get back to my old self again.

When I sat down to write this column, I started to think about all the other mommies who were in the same boat with me. I knew there were other women who wanted to get in shape and be healthy, not only for themselves, but for their families. PINK Editor Wensdy Von Buskirk turned out to be one of them. After a lot of brainstorming, the idea for hosting our very own fit club was born!

The search was on to find five readers who were ready to make the commitment to themselves, and lose that baby bump for good. The response to our call for entries was amazing and we were able to find five great women to participate in our first ever PINK Mommy Boot Camp.

Local fitness expert Jennifer Gray

PINK Mommy Fit Club

Meet the PINK Mommy Boot Camp Participants:

Autumn Moricz, 30
Hometown: Redford
Children: Akron, 4 months; Avery, 2; Alayna, 6
Weight Loss Dream Goal: 20 lbs.

Jill Nowak, 29
Hometown: Livonia
Children: Isaac, 13 months
Weight Loss Dream Goal: 60 lbs.

Michele Parzuchowski, 36
Hometown: Livonia
Children: Alex, 17 months
Weight Loss Dream Goal: 25 lbs.

Jenifer Schrader, 32
Hometown: Bloomfield Hills
Children: Emmett, 2 months, and Ellie, 5
Weight Loss Dream Goal: 20 lbs.

Tamika Whitmore, 30
Hometown: Madison Heights
Children: Tea, 14 months
Weight Loss Dream Goal: 25-30 lbs.

agreed to lead our group of mommies through a six-week challenge that will have us on our way to reaching our weight loss goals. The "no excuses" routine will include five days a week of exercise — two days at Gray's boot camp classes and three days of alternative workouts. We will also be working with a registered dietician and chef to learn to make meals that



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By Wendie DeLano

are healthy, quick and easy. The Boot Camp member who meets or exceeds her goal by the greatest amount will win a PINK Mommy Makeover, including a \$1,000 gift card from Macy's and the guidance of a select Macy's By Appointment personal shopper! The workouts will be intense, and the absence of brownies will be brutal. Help keep us on track by visiting our website at hometownlife.com to leave us words of support and encouragement! We will be posting our struggles, and our progress, each week online (beginning June 11) so check us out. Better yet, join us at home and start your own boot camp with friends. There is no limit to what we ladies can do when we work together to reach a goal.

For more information about Jennifer Gray's boot camps visit her website www.bodybyjenn.com. Boot Camp fitness classes are held in West Bloomfield, Rochester, Royal Oak, Southfield and South Lyon.

Make sure to check out our August PINK magazine to see the Grand Prize winner!

Good luck ladies!

Wendie DeLano is a Livonia-based writer and photographer, who works when her daughter Lilly allows her to. Her PINK Mommy column appears monthly in PINK.

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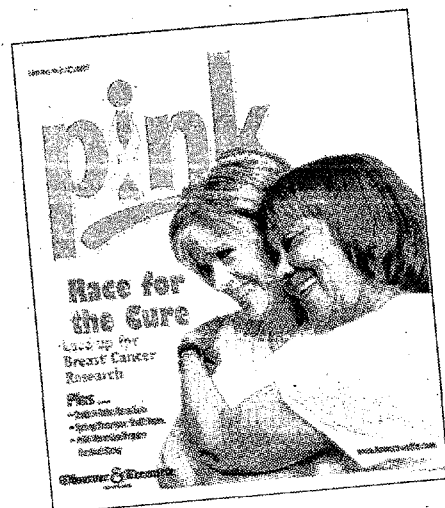
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Gilda Radner, (1946-1989)

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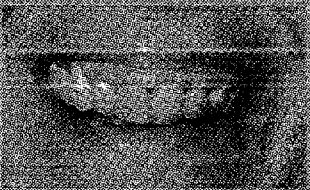


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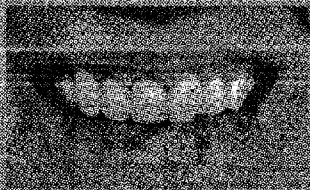
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Cancer survivors Shari Franko, of Salem Township, and Merion Knight, of Detroit, peek through pink ribbons that will adorn Woodward Avenue during the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

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Runners lace up to Race for the Cure

By Wensdy Von Buskirk

At 70, Merion Knight runs circles around women half her age. She also runs marathons. And what makes Knight even more inspirational is that she is a breast cancer survivor.

Knight started running at age 45, when her boss at AT&T was looking for someone to jog with after work. Once she got going, she didn't stop until she was diagnosed with cancer, and hardly then.

"I got my surgery the day after the Free Press marathon," Knight said. "They wanted to do it before, but I said 'no, I trained hard for this.'"

Knight toys with the idea of giving up marathons, but she still plans to lace up for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure on June 16. Every year she gives fellow racers a run for their money, and is virtually unbeatable in her age category.

Knight credits her exercise regime with helping her to beat breast cancer.

"Especially because of all the friends I had from running that gathered around me. You can never have too many friends when you're going through cancer," she says.

Shari Franko, a fellow survivor and Race for the Cure volunteer, considers Knight an inspiration even though she's not quite ready to follow in her footsteps when it comes to pounding the pavement. Franko, owner of Variations Salon in West Dearborn, plans to walk — not run — the Race for the Cure with a team from her salon.

They will be among a crowd of about 30,000 people expected to take part in the race, which begins and ends at Comerica Park and winds its way along Woodward Avenue. Participants can

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

When: 7 a.m.-noon, Saturday, June 16

Where: Comerica Park, Detroit

What: More than 30,000 breast cancer survivors and supporters will participate in a 5K walk/run or a one mile walk

Why: To raise money for the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute

How: Visit www.karmanos.org and click the race logo, or call 1 800 KARMANOS.

choose from a 5K run or walk, or a one-mile walk, both starting at 9 a.m.

The morning also includes Shopping for a Cure, a Survivor Café and memorial and survivor ceremonies.

Closing ceremonies, which feature awards for runners and teams, are slated for 10:30 a.m.

The night before the race, Franko will join the "Pink up the Town Committee," which takes to the streets on roller blades and bicycles to adorn Woodward Avenue with a sea of ribbons decorated by local schoolchildren and survivors.

Franko said the ribbons help to create an atmosphere of magic, emotion and hope.

"There's an energy, a feeling in the air," Franko says. "My first race I thought it would be sad and depressing, but it's not. It's exhilarating. When I crossed the finish line I wanted to turn around and do it all over again."

The cost of participating in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure is \$12-\$40. Register online at www.karmanos.org and click the race logo, or call 1 800 KARMANOS.

profile

Canton survivor crafts for a cure

● By Wensdy Von Buskirk

If you've been sewing for almost two decades, chances are you've accumulated a lot of scraps. Kay Warnke's design studio, located inside her Canton home, is over-run with fabric remnants of every shape, size, texture and color.

Warnke, who launched her custom apparel business in 1988, says she just couldn't bear to part with all the gorgeous scraps, so she decided to refashion them for a good cause.

She created Coats & Totes for a Cure to benefit breast cancer research.

"I've accumulated quite a selection of very exotic fabrics. I've got clients who have traveled all over the world and brought back fabrics for me," Warnke says. "It's too good to throw away, so I designed a line of jackets and tote bags."

A two-time breast cancer survivor herself, Warnke's mother died of the disease and her only sister also is a survivor.

"I thought it was time to give back, and it's been received very well," Warnke said.

All of Warnke's jackets and handbags are handmade and no two are alike. Customers can choose from a small inventory of pre-made designs, or place a custom order.

Warnke said many of her closest clients never knew she had breast cancer.

"I was very lucky and had Stage 0 cancer," she says. "I didn't want it to become part of my business. I didn't want people feeling sorry for me. My work was my outlet."

Now that Warnke has Coats & Totes for a Cure, she is openly talking about breast cancer, and learning many of her clients also have been touched by the disease.

She sells the coats and totes through her studio, and at events around town like the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and the Plymouth Community Arts Council Fashion Show.

Since each is completely unique and handmade, Warnke hasn't been able to manufacture and sell the merchandise en masse, but she is committed to making a small difference, one piece at a time.

Coats & Totes for a Cure includes handbags in five sizes, from evening bags to beach bags (\$35-\$100); jackets and overcoats (\$250-\$350); and vests (\$125). To contact Custom Apparel by Kay Warnke, call (734) 455-6905, or e-mail CustomKay@comcast.net.



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Every 'Coat and Tote for a Cure' is completely unique, made from scraps of fabric that each have a story to tell.

Style Profile: Kay Warnke



Kay Warnke

Favorite place to shop: Haberman's in Royal Oak and The Button Lady in Ann Arbor

Favorite designer/label: Couture - Armani; Retail - Tahari; Bridal - Lazaro or Jim Helms

Signature scent: Ellen Tracy - anything light and fresh

Beauty bag must-have: Lipstick, since I never wear it while working

Best place for power lunch: Maya's Deli in downtown Plymouth

Favorite date with hubby: Quiet dinner out to talk or a fun movie to relax

Top way to de-stress: Good company and a glass of wine

Way to stay healthy: STEPS, STEPS, STEPS! Also up and down on the floor all day for fittings

Guilty pleasure: Watching our granddaughter on Mondays

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Raw food and dog bars in Los Angeles

When traveling, are you really getting the true flavor of a city by hitting its major landmarks?

If I had spent all my time in Rome visiting its splendid fountains, I would've missed out on the colorful old area of Trastevere, off-the-regular tourist path. It's where the Romans actually live and dine.

If my time in St. Lucia was dedicated to snorkeling and all-inclusive resort bars, I wouldn't have discovered the Friday night Jump Up bash where

locals transform one street into a massive, impromptu dance party that goes until 4 a.m. every week.

I visit Los Angeles several times a year to the point where it's lost its magic. So my recent trip was an attempt to get beyond the typical and dig for something new. One of the best things about Los Angeles is its food trends. What happens there in the restaurant world takes a few years to spill into Michigan.

Right now, the trend with staying power is vegan, gourmet, raw food

restaurants— meaning food that is never cooked over 118 degrees to preserve its nutrients. They're everywhere in L.A. and their biggest clientele is fashionable women. Demi Moore credits her good skin to raw.

Raw food isn't about salads that we can get everywhere. It's about every type of meal imaginable, just in raw form. Pasta isn't made from starch, it's made from greens such as zucchini. The dishes are high-end decadent, the tastes are stronger because they aren't cooked away.



Travels
with
Lana

Next time you're on the West Coast, after you play at Universal Studios, take a scenic drive on the Pacific Coast Highway at least up to Malibu and stop at one of the many beaches, hang out on Melrose Avenue for trendy shopping, then make sure to hit Santa Monica for the raw experience at Juliano's Raw (609 Broadway, www.planetraw.com).

I dined at Juliano's Raw several times. It's owned by Juliano, hailed by The New York Times as the best raw chef in the movement. The place is shi-shi, the wine list is ample with many organic choices and the prices are fair, with entrees about \$13. We paid a very reasonable \$106 plus tip for three appetizers, three entrees, three desserts, one amazing smoothie with whipped banana in the middle and a bottle of organic Cabernet.

Everything at Juliano's is vegetable-based, not a single animal product is on the menu. Breads are made from flax, dehydrated. I tried raw vegan pumpkin tortellini which were pockets of vegetable-based cheese slightly warmed and drizzled with oil and herb marinara.

But the best was last: Juliano's Macadamia Alfredo over zucchini pasta adorned with Italian herbs. For dessert I had something that sounds unappealing but was one of the best sweets I've ever had (and I'm a baker's daughter, so I'm quite the sweet snob): a chocolate parfait where the mousse is avocado.

Afterward in Venice, just a few miles away we visited the revitalized street of Abbott Kinney. The fun place there is The Other Room — it's Soho on the West Coast owned by Craig Weiss, a New Yorker whose wine bars are also popular in Miami. The best part of The Other Room is that it's a swanky lounge and ... dogs are welcome inside. Check it out at www.theotherroom.com

If you want typical meals and regular bars, stay home. Travel is about exploration. Isn't it?

Lana Mini is a staff writer at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers when she's not jet-setting around the world. Read her stories and film reviews in FILTER, and her "Travels with Lana" column in PINK.



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There are many great ways to partner with things found in the environment, whether those partners are man made or natural. For instance, street curbs are the



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perfect height to do step-ups.

As much as it seems that an indoor workout would offer more structure, exercising outdoors can offer just as much, if not more. One of the best ways to get moving is to create your own circuit training course by using a familiar area.


Say your exercise choice is power walking around your block three to five times a week. Take the monotony out of that exercise, plus customize a workout that includes interval training by creating your own circuit course.

Use different markers to decide where each station will be. A good place to start is the street curb I mentioned above. Next figure out what you'll do when you get to your next marker, which could be the house at the end of the block. You may decide that's where you'll do a series of lunges.

Then it's on to the next street corner where you can use a resistance band you've brought with you to do a few upper body exercises. The most basic is a bicep curl. Place both feet on the band and grasp the ends. Bend your elbows and curl your hands up towards your shoulders. Lower and repeat.

Take along some light weights for lifting overhead at your next stop. Your final stop may be your own backyard, where you use the family picnic table to do push-ups.

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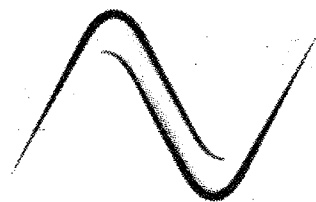
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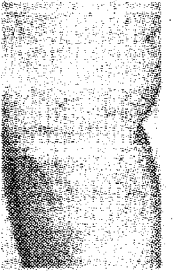
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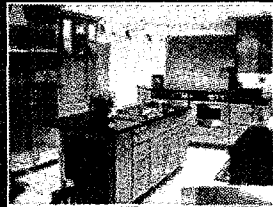


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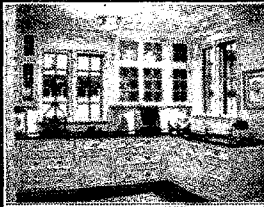
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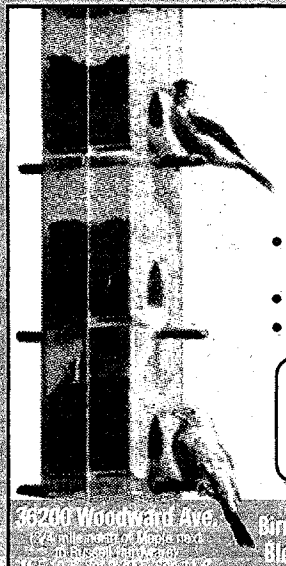


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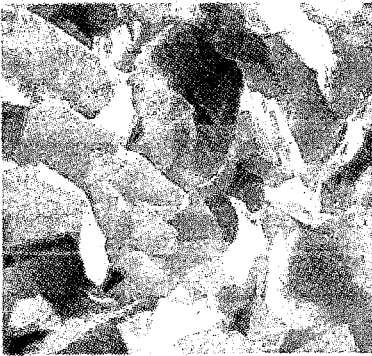
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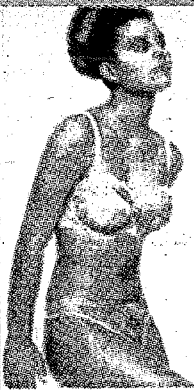
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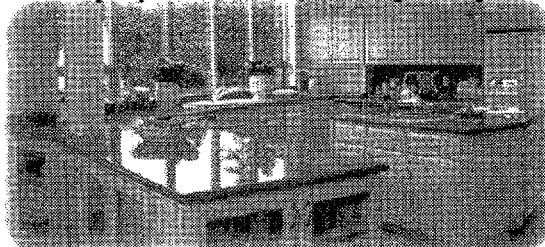
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Organize your craft space!

Spring has sprung; it's time to clean your crafting space. Here are some simple ideas for a more organized and happy craft room.

1. Get inspired

Head over to Flickr's Craft Room pool (www.flickr.com/groups/craft-rooms) for lots of photos of pretty and organized craft rooms.

2. Purge

Many crafters also have a bit of the hoarding gene, collecting cute supplies they might "one day" use. But less supplies means more working space. My general rule is that if I haven't used the item within one year of purchase, off to the Salvation Army it goes. Which reminds me ...

3. Donate your supplies

Thrifty crafters are always on the hunt, and donating your unneeded items to a local charity will ensure they are still used.

4. Think storage

Work with your making style to find a storage system that's right for you. If you're the kind of crafter who



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wants everything in reach, find tool carriers that can be brought out for crafting and easily put away. If you'd rather have things hidden, consider investing in screens, covered wardrobes or under-the-bed storage. Remember that a room's vertical storage, i.e. shelves on the walls, is a great way to combat supply overload.

5. Decorate

If you're lucky enough to have a separate craft room, incorporate a crafty theme into the decor. Frame and hang old sewing machine ads, staple fabric to a simple frame or hang an inspiration board for added interest.

6. Clean your tools

Much like your car, craft equipment needs periodic tuneups. Now is the

PINK Winner!

Speaking of spring cleaning, congrats to Evelyn Ruiz of Plymouth, who won 20 clear Shoe-Stor boxes (www.clear-shoe-boxes.com) in a recent PINK Giveaway. Here's what Ruiz has in store for them:

"I am in desperate need of better organization in my home. Winning 20 boxes of various sizes would help me store my teaching supplies (High School Spanish & French), home business materials (Arbonne), scrapbooking materials and personal documents (bank statements, bills, etc.)"

time to take your sewing machine in for a routine service appointment. Many independent hardware stores will also sharpen scissors for a small fee.

Stephanie Tardy is the founder of Handmade Detroit, which produces the Detroit Urban Craft Fair. Visit the craft fair online at www.detroiturbancraftfair.com. Ideas and tips for this column can be e-mailed to stardy@hometownlife.com

BODY BY JEN

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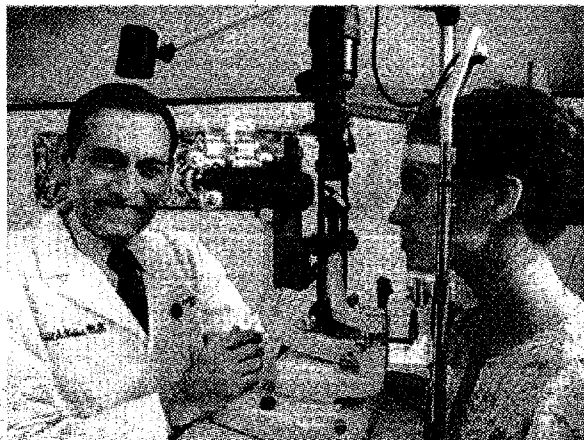
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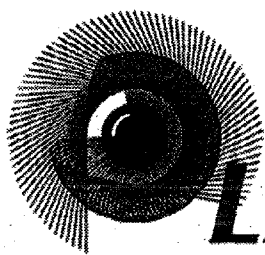
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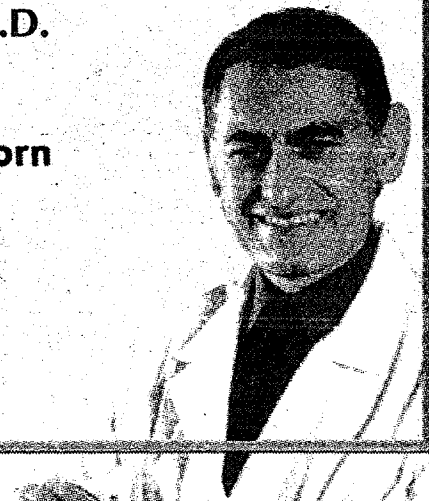


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